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Prosecutor issues statement on Seeberg

Observer Staff Report

The St. Joseph County Prosecutor's Office released a report Monday confirming that their office received a report from Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) regarding the investigation into a Saint Mary's student's death.

First year Elizabeth "Lizzy" Seeberg died in an apparent suicide Sept. 10. She was 19.

Seeberg had previously filed an allegation with NDSP claiming a Notre Dame student had sexually assaulted her. The alleged sexual assault took place Aug. 31, the release stated.

After NDSP received the report of the sexual assault, it began an investigation.

The Chicago Tribune published a story Sunday that said the University failed to inform the St. Joseph County Police and the county's special victims unit (SVU), which handles sex offenses, about the alleged assault.

St. Joseph County Prosecutor Michael Dvorak refuted this in Monday's release.

He said NDSP contacted the county's SVU to advise them of the pending investigation.

"[NDSP] has kept staff members of the SVU informed throughout the investigation,"

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Blog lists local activities

365 THINGS TO DO IN SOUTH BEND

examples of "things to do" in blog:

- The Rolling Stonebaker - Chapin Street
- Main Street Cafe - North Main Street
- Art classes at South Bend Museum of Art
- retail stores such as Marigold's, Junk Evolution, Just Goods - all on Jefferson Avenue

365southbend.blogspot.com

BLAIR CHEMIDLIN | Observer Graphic

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame students are notorious for complaining about the lack of entertainment options South Bend has to offer. But the recently created blog, "365 Things to Do in South Bend," paints a different picture of the city.

Senior Rachel Roseberry said one of the reasons she started the blog with co-authors Tracy Jennings and Denise Baron — both 2010 Notre Dame graduates — was to prove South Bend is not culturally deficient.

"South Bend is not boring or lacking in things to do," Roseberry said. "It has a sense of community. We started this blog as a counterpoint to that argument."

Jennings said students could be more receptive to the variety of cultural

options in the city.

"I think South Bend is a good size for a college town," she said. "You just need to be open to doing new things."

Roseberry said one inspiration for the blog was to spread the cultural and entertainment options she has grown to love in the area.

"We discovered so many great places in South Bend," she said. "The more time I lived here, I wanted to highlight the great stuff and make it available to those who wanted to hear about the same things."

Baron said one of the challenges of the blog is presenting unique activity options to readers. She said it has helped that none of the co-authors are from the area.

"None of us grew up in South Bend, so we all bring different perspectives to the blog," Baron said. "We don't

try to write about the most obvious things, or we put a unique spin on obvious things."

Roseberry said in addition to providing unique and interesting posts for readers, the co-authors are focused on sharing both personal favorites and new cultural experiences of their own.

"It's a process of self-discovery," Roseberry said. "We try to have a mix of places like restaurants with events that are unique to the South Bend community. Sometimes we are discovering places and other times we're sharing places we love."

Jennings said the blog, which began in August, is modeled after similar blogs about other areas of the country.

"We had heard about similar blogs in other cities. We

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Students help arts at Perley

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Notre Dame students stepped into South Bend to save fine arts at a local elementary school as its staff prepared to lose funding for some of its most important programs, student government community relations chair Claire Sokas said.

Perley Primary Fine Arts Academy is an arts magnet school inside the South Bend School Corporation. Its curriculum specifically focuses on aspects of the arts, ranging from singing to film to gardening.

"Until last year, Perley had some of the lowest standardized test scores in the country and was considered a failing school," Sokas said. "However, last year, the principal and the staff at Perley set a goal of 65 percent passing for the [Indiana Statewide Testing for Educational Progress-Plus (ISTEP)], and between the fine arts curriculum and constant assessments of reading, writing and math skills, they were able to meet their goal."

The administration hoped to keep improving during the 2010-2011 academic year, Sokas said.

"The goal the staff decided on this year was 80 percent, which would be a dramatic increase from the year before and would move Perley permanently beyond the 'failing school' status," Sokas said.

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Local businesses offer discounts to students



MAGGIE O'BRIEN/The Observer

Between the Buns is one of the local businesses participating in the recently initiated Students for South Bend Discount Program.

By JOHN CAMERON
News Writer

While students may be aware that certain businesses offer discounts for college students, student government's recently initiated Students for South Bend Discount Program aims to expand awareness and use of these discounts.

Student body president Catherine Soler said that, in addition to requests for the ability to use Flex Points and Domer Dollars off campus, students commonly inquired about a discount program. Students expressed their desire for a dis-

count program during this year's Whine Week, an event through which students could voice their desires and concerns about student government programs.

"We got it again at Whine Week, to get Domer Dollars and Flex Points off campus," she said. "While that's popular, we decided based on student opinion that we'd focus instead on an off-campus discount program, and what it's become is the Students for South Bend Discount Program."

Student Senate Off-Campus Concerns chair Emily LeStrange said that, while the idea of a student discount program is not new, the Students for South

Bend program is the first at Notre Dame that does not require the purchase of a discount booklet.

"Previous student government discount initiatives have all required students to purchase a discount booklet," she said. "We feel that this time around, a free discount program that all students are welcome to participate in encourages greater use of the program."

Soler said student participation in the program hinged on not having to go out of the way to use it.

"We knew it would never work

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THANKSGIVING BREAK?



Nick Anderson
freshman
Keenan

"I'm going home."



Andrew Ofsonka
junior
Keenan

"Homework and Christmas shopping."



Liz Garvin
freshman
Welsh Family

"I'm going home to Chicago and seeing friends from high school."



Qianchi Yang
freshman
Alumni

"I'm going to Chicago."



Brian Rockwell
junior
O'Neill

"Just staying here and relaxing."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

A Notre Dame fan gets some help as she performs the traditional post-touchdown push-ups in Yankee Stadium on Saturday night. Check out The Observer's photo galleries from the game and the weekend's activities at ndsmcobserver.com/multimedia.

OFFBEAT

Invention protects privacy at airport

DENVER — It's a special kind of underwear — with a strategically placed fig leaf design — and a Colorado man says it'll get you through the airport screeners with your dignity intact.

Jeff Buske says his invention uses a powdered metal that protects people's privacy when undergoing medical or security screenings.

Buske of Las Vegas, Nev. — Rocky Flats Gear says the underwear's inserts are thin and conform to the body's contours, making it difficult to hide anything beneath them. The mix of tungsten and other metals do not set off metal detectors.

The men's design has the fig leaf, while the one for women comes in the shape of clasped hands.

It's unclear whether it would lead to an automatic, more intrusive pat down by federal Transportation Security Administration officials.

FAA won't punish pilot in NJ toilet paper drop

WESTWOOD, N.J. — The Federal Aviation Administration won't take any action against a New Jersey pilot who tossed rolls of toilet paper from a small plane onto an athletic field as a test run for a streamer drop at an upcoming high school football game.

FAA spokesman Jim Peters told The Record of Woodland Park Friday that the agency investigated but found no grounds for further action against pilot Warren Saunders of Westwood.

Saunders still faces a state criminal charge.

Police said Saunders circled the Westwood Middle School athletic fields in his Cessna 172 on the evening of Oct. 13 and dropped two rolls of toilet paper. People at a nearby soccer practice called police.

Saunders' lawyer, Scott Berkoben, was out of his office and unavailable for comment Friday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture "Iberia and the Advanced Latin American Social Policy Regimes: Explaining the Different Trajectories" will take place today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A Thanksgiving Day Mass will take place Thursday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. There will be no 5:15 p.m. Mass on Friday.

North Dining Hall will host a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The dinner will feature roast carved turkey and pumpkin pie.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will play IUPUI in the WBCA Classic on Friday at 2 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center. Individual tickets can be purchased at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame football team will play the University of Southern California on Saturday in Los Angeles. Kickoff is at 5 p.m. Pacific time.

The lecture "Skeletons in the Closet: Transitional Justice in Post-Communist Europe" will take place Tuesday, November 30 at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Monika Nalepa, assistant professor of political science, will speak. It is free and open to the public.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews.nd@gmail.com

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FOTO supports Honduran orphanage, surgery center

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Freshman John Romano said one of Michael Daly's most used statements is, "Do it for the children."

Romano is Daly's cousin and a member of Friends of the Orphans (FOTO), a student group that raises funds and awareness for Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH) orphanages. Notre Dame's branch of FOTO works through a larger national FOTO group. Daly, a senior, is president and founder of the Notre Dame group.

The Spanish phrase "Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos" means "our little brothers and sisters" in English, and the orphanages provide homes for more than 3,600 children in nine orphanages and nine Latin American countries, according to the NPH website.

"We have such passionate members [at FOTO], and everyone's willing to help with any event we have," Daly said.

The group has put on such events as Charity Denim, where high-end denim brands were sold and a portion of the purchase price went to charity. They have also had charity lunches and dinners to raise money and awareness.

The group also travels to volunteer at an orphanage in Honduras several times a year, Daly said. FOTO members have already made this trip five times.

Daly said the trips in the spring are medically focused, with students helping in the surgery center. Students aren't allowed to perform the opera-

tions, but they are allowed to "scrub in" and see things up close.

"In the U.S., you're only able to stand back," Daly said. "There, the doctors are very interactive."

In the most recent trip over Fall Break, students volunteered in an orphanage.

"[We perform] jobs that have been idle because other things come up for the staff that they have to deal with," Daly said. "It's nice for [students] to come in and be a helping hand."

Daly said the group painted a church, built tables and tutored children.

"The volunteer coordinators said the volunteers are proactive," he said. "A lot of the volunteers don't like to just sit around."

Daly said it has been a blessing to see the effect in the lives of students who have gone to the orphanages.

"It's a great lesson to students," he said. "You don't have to be doing something to be affective."

Daly and his sister Trisha, a 2010 Saint Mary's graduate, founded the Notre Dame branch of the club last year, and FOTO won SAO's Social Service Club of the Year. The Daly siblings were originally involved with FOTO and NPH through their family. Their father, Dr. Peter Daly, helped build the Holy Family Surgery Center in 2003

at the Honduras NPH.

The surgery center helps not only the orphans, but also the residents in rural Honduras in the orphanage's area. It is open two to three days per week, performing minor surgeries, Daly said. Groups of doctors come from the U.S. to perform major surgeries.

"We support all of the NPH orphanages in general, but we specifically support the Holy Family Surgery Center and the Honduras orphanage," Daly said. "We're raising funds to help the center function and exist. We're trying to hand over the center to Honduran doctors. That will be something to take pride in for their country."

Surgeries cost around \$150 each, Daly said.

"These people wait years to have surgery because they don't have the money," he said.

There are roughly 500 orphans in the Honduras orphanage, Daly said. Anyone can sponsor an orphan through the NPH website. Several Notre Dame residence halls and a few students have sponsored orphans, which costs around \$360 per year. Each child has between four

and seven sponsors. "I sponsor a kid named Carlos," Daly said. "He's special needs ... Not a lot of people think about the kids who aren't aesthetically attractive."

"We're raising funds to help the center function and exist. We're trying to hand over the center to Honduran doctors. That will be something to take pride in for their country."

Michael Daly
president
Friends of the Orphans



Photo courtesy of Michael Daly
Senior Michael Daly tutors a group of 12-year-old boys from Casa San Francisco during his trip to Honduras in August.

Dillon Hall sponsors Carlos' brother, Omar, Romano said.

"Most of the kids who do get sponsors are the young, cute kids," Romano said. "We searched for someone who didn't get many sponsors. Omar will be at NPH for the rest of his life — he's mentally disabled."

Romano said he didn't know what to expect when he first visited Honduras in March.

"When I was down there I got close to a girl and now I sponsor her," he said. "[NPS] gives kids an opportunity. There's not kid on campus who has a tougher situation than the best situation in Honduras."


Senior Caitlin Nichols went on the most recent trip to Honduras, and she said it helped her be around other students who share her interest in helping the orphanages.

"This trip was an experience I will never forget. Seeing the way these children live in such a loving community something that changes you. I am amazed by how much joy they show despite how little they have," she said. "Now back on campus, staying involved with FOTO is important to me because it helps me remember my Fall Break experience and continue to support the children even from so far away."

Daly said for many students, a week spent in Honduras with the orphans stays with them when the return to Notre Dame.

"[The students] are fighting for orphaned and abandoned children who need a voice," he said. "They get to tell Notre Dame what's going on abroad."

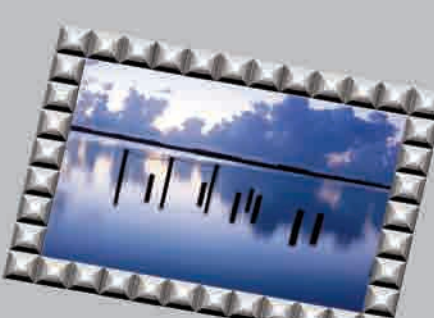

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Blog

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and other times we're sharing places we love."

Jennings said the blog, which began in August, is modeled after similar blogs about other areas of the country.

"We had heard about similar blogs in other cities. We thought that South Bend could use one and see if it had 365 things to do," she said.

Jennings said the writers have not had a lack of ideas for the blog.

"We have a long list. It is harder to find time to write," she said. "I think 365 posts is the goal. That is the name of the blog. We're going to do it, no more, no less, unless it is a leap year — maybe we'll do 366."

Jennings said there is no exact science to choosing material for the blog. She said being involved in such a project exposes them to additional material.

"We just keep our eyes open and look at websites. Generally one thing leads to another," she said. "We'll talk to an owner of a store and he'll mention another store opening."

Roseberry said feedback from Notre Dame students has been positive, as has reception from the South Bend community as a whole.

"I would say Notre Dame student reception has been great but somewhat limited. We've been trying to put it out

there, but it is more a blog community for anyone," she said. "We've had a great response from outside the Notre Dame community as well."

Baron said the blog has recently received exposure and positive feedback from shopkeepers featured on the site. She said this has been one of the most rewarding aspects of working on the project.

"Getting to know the shopkeepers and business owners has been an aspect of South Bend that I have gotten to know. Rachel and myself were involved with community relations last year," Baron said. "We've known local and Notre Dame officials, but we never got to see the business side of it."

Roseberry said working on the blog with two other authors has allowed the group to maintain daily blog posting.

"Since there are three of us, we try to rotate every three days," she said. "We have communication if someone is having a tough week, but the blog is meant for one post a day."

Baron said overall the blog is meant to be not just a tool for Notre Dame students, but a means for all South Bend residents to understand what the city has to offer.

"We really see the blog as not just a way for students to get off campus, but for everyone to see local establishments as what's happening here," she said.

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Program donates to high school labs

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

In early September, Michelle Joyce, a Notre Dame chemistry and biochemistry faculty member, decided to take her passion for service, education and science and make a difference.

What resulted was the ND LIGHTS program. LIGHTS stands for "Laboratory Instrumentation Giving Hope To Students."

"The program is an initiative that takes lab equipment no longer suitable for our research needs, but that is still considered a good teaching tool and putting it into the hands of high school science teachers in underdeveloped schools," Joyce said.

The program will initially benefit schools around the country that are connected to Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE). Eventually, Joyce would like the program to grow to other underdeveloped schools, including some in the South Bend area.

"It takes a lot to outfit a lab appropriately,"

Joyce said. "It makes a huge difference to students when the correct tools are there."

Joyce knows all too well how hard it can be for teachers to work with insufficient or outdated equipment, as her father has been a Catholic high school principal for 40 years.

"These high school teachers work tirelessly with almost nothing," Joyce said. "This is kind of my way to honor my dad."

Due to the nature of research conducted at Notre Dame, professors need to have the most up-to-date equipment. This initiative will take outdated equipment as well as tools from retired labs and donate them to high school

labs.

ND LIGHTS has already collected six pieces of lab equipment at Notre Dame, including a volt and pH meter, Joyce said. Notre Dame faculty members, if they choose, can also be involved in the process of designing experiments to go along with the donated equipment.

Joyce said once a piece of equipment is deemed a surplus item and a charitable donation, an experiment would be designed to go along with basic high school science curriculum and the piece of equipment. ACE teachers would learn the experiments during their training sessions on campus and integrate them into their classrooms.

"This is our way to contribute to the University's Catholic mission," Joyce said. "Professors that donate equip-

ment can have their undergrad or grad students develop experiments."

The collaboration between the Colleges of Science and Engineering and the Office of Sustainability helped begin the ND LIGHTS program. Each piece of lab equipment has to be deemed practical for a

high school to maintain and implement in their curriculum. The Office of Sustainability ensures all the paperwork is correctly completed and each piece is approved, Joyce said.

Currently, the program's goals are more about the quality of the instruments and experiments than their quantity. Joyce plans to follow up with all the teachers receiving equipment to gauge how the program is working after it is introduced into the high schools.

"Right now, the potential is way bigger than we even can see this first year," Joyce said.

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Dr. Michelle Joyce
faculty
Department of chemistry
and biochemistry

SMC study abroad ranked No. 15

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

The 2010 Open Doors Report, released by the Institute of International Education (IIE), ranked Saint Mary's College No. 15 among all baccalaureate colleges in the nation for 2008-2009 academic year study abroad programs, according to a press release.

"Before 2002, Saint Mary's College had only seven study abroad programs and all but one were in Europe," Elaine Meyer-Lee, director for the Center for Women's Intercultural Studies (CWIL), said in a press release. "CWIL has expanded study abroad offerings, creating 17 new programs. The portfolio of programs is varied enough to meet individual students' needs, including geographical location, time frame, disciplinary focus, pedagogical model and specific learning outcomes."

Recently, the College launched a new program in South Korea, which started with senior and student body president Rachael Chesley. Chesley also spent a semester studying in Rome.

"Taking the independence and confidence I developed in Rome, I was able to travel abroad and learn more about the Korean culture," Chesley said.

She said she had some apprehensions about going to South Korea, but liked the flexibility of the program.

"Before heading to South Korea, I was nervous about being the first and only student to experience this new program with Saint Mary's,"

Chesley said. "There was not a great deal of information given about the program, and I was not sure about the language barrier, where I was living or what my life would be like there. However, I trusted my gut, branched out, met new people and had an excellent experience."

According to Chesley, going abroad is a crucial experience not only in education, but also in life.

"There is a quote by St. Augustine that says, 'The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.' I believe this," Chesley said. "I always grew up doing road trips with my family, so I realized that the world was a big place with lots of different people and so many diverse things."

Through her time in Rome and South Korea, Chesley said she realized the importance of experiencing different parts of the world.

"Overall, the world is becoming a more global society each and every day," Chesley said. "Studying abroad offered me the opportunity to develop my intercultural competence, communication skills and independence."

Chesley is not the only student who has had multiple experiences with Saint Mary's study abroad programs. Senior Chelsea Crane spent a year in Ireland, a summer in Nicaragua and two weeks traveling in Ecuador. "I heard somewhere that when you go someplace where no one knows you, you become more yourself than ever," Crane said. "Now that I've experienced traveling and living abroad, I know that to be

true and it's an experience I think every woman, American, human should have."

Crane said she picked Ireland because she felt she would be able to assimilate there due to the similarities between the U.S. and Ireland.

"One of the reasons I decided on Ireland was because they speak English — it would be an easier transition and I was able to make close friends more easily," Crane said.

However, Crane said she enjoyed traveling to more exotic places because it gave her an appreciation for the everyday amenities of American life.

"In Nicaragua, I learned to really appreciate things I didn't realize I should," Crane said. "For example, having to throw toilet paper into a basket instead of down the loo made me really appreciate the commonality of working toilets in America."

Traveling in unfamiliar territory can be intimidating, but Crane said it also offers moment that can't be found anywhere else.

"Hiking around the same islands where the very notion of evolution was born was the experience of a lifetime and I'll be lucky if I get to experience something like that again," Crane said.

For both Chesley and Crane, going abroad was a part of their college career they won't forget.

"Studying abroad has allowed me the distinct opportunity to learn more about myself, my interests, my passions and the world around me," Chesley said.

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he said.

SVU is an investigative unit comprised of detectives from the South Bend, St. Joseph County and Mishawaka police departments. It investigates cases of alleged sexual battery and assault, domestic violence and child victimization. It is under the jurisdiction of the Prosecutor's Office.

NDSP, a fully authorized, independent law enforcement agency, finished its investigation of the alleged assault and forwarded it to the Prosecutor's office Wednesday. The Prosecutor's Office is now reviewing it and will make a statement after the review is completed.

That statement will address "the next step in the process: the

filing of charges, the decision not to file charges or a request for additional investigation of the allegations," the release stated.

University spokesman Dennis Brown said the University cannot comment on the specifics of any student disciplinary case due to federal law. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act protects the privacy of student records, according to the Department of Education's website.

"It's not a matter of refusal, it's a matter of compliance with the federal law," Brown said.

Dvorak addressed the sensitive and complex nature of such allegations in his statement.

"I wish to emphasize that cases involving such allegations are complex and it would be inappropriate to rush to conclusions, rather than allowing the thorough review by prosecutors to occur in this matter," he said.

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if you had to buy something to get into it, and it would never work if you had to carry around something extra," she said. "The stipulation for joining the program is that you must be eligible for the discount just by showing ID."

Soler said students who present a Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College or Holy Cross student identification card could receive the discounts.

"The way we've done this is to work with Holy Cross and Saint Mary's so it's not just a Notre Dame [program], but a college program," she said.

Many businesses were invited to apply, and there was immediately a strong response, LeStrange said.

"We were able to send out over 100 invites to local businesses asking them to join the Students for South Bend program, and within the first month

we have gathered about 35 participants," LeStrange said. "All participants will receive a window decal marking their participation in the program at the start of next semester."

The group of businesses committed to the program includes restaurants like Studebagels and Main St. Grille as well as service providers like the South Bend Museum of Art and Hair Crafters Day Spa Salon. LeStrange said the focus on local businesses could help strengthen the relationship between students and the community.

"I think that a stable, commercial relationship between local business and students is a crucial component of strengthening community relations," she said. "I think that ultimately, this is a great way for Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to bridge the gap between college students and South Bend residents that is positive and supportive of what South Bend has to offer."

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Perley

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However, this hope recently received a blow when the school learned it would lose after-school funding at the end of summer 2011. As the program searches for more funding, Notre Dame students have volunteered at Perley on weekday afternoons.

"While the University and groups in the community are working to find funding to revive the arts program, which had depended on this money, there is no one to facilitate the after-school homework sessions, which teachers had relied on to make sure students were completing homework and had a good grasp on the material," Sokas said. "These homework sessions were integral in Perley meeting its 65 percent passing benchmark, and the principal has told me that they will be equally important in reaching their goal this year."

Three to four Notre Dame students work at Perley for an hour Monday through Thursday to help students with their homework while they wait for the bus to the local Boys and Girls Club.

"We are here at Notre Dame because we value education," Sokas said. "Now we have the opportunity to get off campus into the schools."

Senior Meaghan Crowley became involved in the programs at Perley as part of a minor in Education, Schooling and Society (ESS). Crowley is analyzing the effect of art on an institution for her senior thesis.

The South Bend School Corporation began its magnet programs to encourage more racial equality in the school system and Perley became a fine arts magnet in 2007, Crowley said.

"The difference is now the kids have more art on a daily basis and in the after-school program," Crowley said. "Art is integrated in to the classroom, so instead of having a normal math lesson or a normal history lesson the kids might draw or paint to engage what they are doing."

When Perley's grant expires, the school will be left without money that was crucial to running the programs. More expensive courses like cooking were already replaced with classes that use fewer resources, such as movement, and the school will rely on volunteers to support the program, Crowley said.

"The after-school programs were funded so area artists would

come in and work with the kids," Crowley said. "A real artist or ballet teacher would come in each week."

Volunteers from Notre Dame are already planning how they can contribute to the fine arts curriculum next semester by teaching new classes after school, Sokas said.

The after-school program was an important component of fine arts at Perley.

"I can tell that the kids are really, really motivated," Crowley said. "The discipline problems in the school have gone down because the kids want to be in the after-school program."

Perley students signed up for the after-school program with no charge but applied for only a certain number of spots. After one disciplinary mistake, a student would lose his or her spot, and the space would be given to another child on the program waiting list.

Junior Shannon Crotty spent Monday afternoon helping elementary students at Perley with their homework.

"In all honestly, I have not done as much service as I would like to here," Crotty said. "I heard about this opportunity through student government and had free time in my schedule. I love working with kids so it worked perfectly."

Perley is the closest elementary school to Notre Dame, and students could learn more about the South Bend community close to campus by volunteering at the school, Crotty said.

"This is an opportunity to go out and see the community as well," Crotty said.

Perley enrolled almost 300 students from the local area, and a majority of these students represented minorities and lower-income families, according to the Indiana Board of Education.

"We are constantly looking for new ways to establish relationships in the community that can be sustained," Sokas said.

The beND campaign launched by this year's student government was an effort to address off-campus concerns and improve community relations with the larger South Bend area.

"It is an easy way for us to get into the school and remember that things like learning how to read are integral for the rest of our lives," Sokas said. "Watching these kids love [learning] reminds me of how lucky I am to have an education. I want them to grow up having the same opportunities."

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TSA warns against boycott



A TSA officer searches a passenger at a security checkpoint at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport in Seattle on Monday.

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The nation's airport security chief pleaded with Thanksgiving travelers for understanding and urged them not to boycott full-body scans on Wednesday, lest their protest snarl what is already one of the busiest, most stressful flying days of the year.

Transportation Security Administration chief John Pistole said Monday that such delaying actions would only "tie up people who want to go home and see their loved ones."

"We all wish we lived in a world where security procedures at airports weren't necessary," he said, "but that just isn't the case."

He noted the alleged attempt by a Nigerian with explosives in his underwear to bring down a plane over Detroit last Christmas.

Despite tough talk on the Internet, there was little if any indication of a passenger revolt Monday at many major U.S. airports, with very few people declining the X-ray scan that can peer through their clothes. Those who refuse are subject to a pat-down search that includes the crotch and chest.

Many travelers said that the scans and the pat-down were not much of an inconvenience, and that the stepped-up measures made them feel safer and were, in any case, unavoidable.

"Whatever keeps the country safe, I just don't have a problem with," Leah Martin, 50, of Houston, said as she waited to go through security at the Atlanta airport.

At Chicago's O'Hare Airport, Gehno Sanchez, a 38-year-old from San Francisco who works in marketing, said he doesn't mind the full-body scans. "I mean, they may make you feel like a criminal for a minute, but I'd rather do that than someone touching me," he said.

A loosely organized Internet campaign is urging people to refuse the scans on Wednesday in what is being called National Opt-Out Day. The extra time needed to pat down people could cause a

cascade of delays at dozens of major airports, including those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta.

"Just one or two recalcitrant passengers at an airport is all it takes to cause huge delays," said Paul Ruden, a spokesman for the American Society of Travel Agents, which has warned its more than 8,000 members about delays. "It doesn't take much to mess things up anyway."

More than 400 imaging units are being used at about 70 airports. Since the new procedures began Nov. 1, 34 million travelers have gone through checkpoints and less than 3 percent are patted down, according to the TSA.

At the White House, press secretary Robert Gibbs said the government is "desperately" trying to balance security and privacy and will take the public's concerns and complaints into account as it evaluates the new, more stringent boarding checks.

The American Civil Liberties Union has received more than 600 complaints over three weeks from passengers who say they were subjected to humiliating pat-downs at U.S. airports, and the pace is accelerating, according to ACLU legislative counsel Christopher Calabrese.

"It really drives home how invasive it is and unhappy they are," he said.

Ricky D. McCoy, a TSA screener and president of a union local in Illinois and Wisconsin, said the atmosphere has changed in the past two weeks for officers in his region. Since word of the pat-downs hit the headlines, officers have been punched, pushed or shoved six times after they explained what would be happening, McCoy said.

"We have major problems because basically TSA never educated the public on what was going on," he said. "Our agency pretty much just threw the new search techniques out there."

Stories of alleged heavy-handed treatment by TSA agents captured people's imagination.

A bladder cancer survivor

from Michigan who wears a bag that collects his urine said its contents spilled on his clothing after a security agent at a Detroit airport patted him down roughly.

Tom Sawyer, a 61-year-old retired special education teacher, said the Nov. 7 experience left him in tears. "I was absolutely humiliated. I couldn't even speak," he told MSNBC.com.

During an appearance on CBS, the TSA's Pistole expressed "great concern over anybody who feels like they have not been treated properly or had something embarrassing happen."

A video showing a shirtless young boy resisting a pat-down at Salt Lake City's airport has become a YouTube sensation and led to demands for an investigation from Rep. Jason Chaffetz, R-Utah, an outspoken critic of TSA screening methods. The video of the unidentified boy was shot Friday by a bystander with a cell phone.

The TSA said in a blog posting that nobody has to disrobe at an airport checkpoint apart from removing shoes and jackets. According to the TSA, the boy was being searched because he triggered an alarm inside a metal detector, and his father removed the youngster's shirt to speed up the screening.

"That's it. No complaints were filed and the father was standing by his son for the entire procedure," said the posting by "Blogger Bob" of the TSA Blog Team.

The boycott campaign was launched Nov. 8 by Brian Sodergren, who lives in Ashburn, Va., and works in the health care industry.

"I just don't think the government has the right to look under people's clothes with no reasonable cause, no suspicion other than purchasing a plane ticket," he said in an interview with The Associated Press.

He said he has no idea how many passengers plan to opt out, but added: "I am absolutely amazed at the response and how people have taken to it. I never would have predicted it. I think it hit a nerve."

INSIDE COLUMN

Thanks for that

Writing for Scene and Sports gives me the welcome opportunity to explore my many passions for The Observer on a regular basis. With Thanksgiving only days away, I wish to use this space to give thanks for my many sports and pop culture blessings of the last several months, for which I am incredibly thankful.

Maija Gustin
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I am thankful for "Harry Potter." It may seem mundane to some, but Harry has been my friend since the ripe age of 8, growing up with me. Though the books will always be closest to my heart, I had no problems dressing up and heading to the theater at midnight last Thursday night (or Friday morning) to see a film that I can finally say does justice to the books. And I am thankful that the ride is not quite over yet.

I am thankful for two wins in a row from the Irish football team. We all know this season has been tough. But rushing the field after the Utah win was, without a doubt, one of the highlights of my time at Notre Dame. And, as a Chicago Cubs fan, I have no trouble saying, "Next year is the year."

I am thankful for Gwyneth Paltrow's guest spot on "Glee." "Glee" was once one of my favorite shows, consistently turning out fantastic television week after week. Despite being severely lackluster this season, I watch "Glee" every week, waiting for the moment when it will again inspire me to jump up and sing along. That moment came in last week's episode, when Gwyneth Paltrow rocked the episode and reinstalled my faith in "Glee." Has it regained its former glory yet? Nope. But the episode gave me hope that, one day, it just might.

I am thankful for the 2010 FIFA World Cup, which provided two fantastic weeks of soccer-watching that made my summer great.

I am thankful for what promises to be a fantastic holiday movie season. Come December, you will find me sitting in the movie theater watching "Black Swan" or "The Tempest" or "Tron: Legacy" or a handful of other films that make me almost as excited as presents under the Christmas tree.

I am thankful that, as of Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, I can officially start playing Christmas music all the time.

I am thankful for the Chicago Bears' 7-3 record. Despite Jay Cutler's supreme inconsistency, the Bears are at the top of the NFC North and, should a good quarterback ever show up, have the potential to be a truly fantastic team.

I am thankful for my can't-miss weekly TV shows, which provide a little structure to my sometimes-chaotic life. That means you, "Modern Family," "Parenthood" and "The Vampire Diaries."

I am thankful for "Bill Brink," the Pandora playlist lovingly crafted by the man himself, which helps the Observer staff get through many long nights with relative sanity.

And, most of all, I am thankful for my friends, my family, my Notre Dame family and the fantastic Observer staff that I have the pleasure to work with every day. You guys make working until the wee hours of the morning in the South Dining Hall basement more enjoyable than it has any right to be.

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Why MIMs can help move America forward

It's hard to believe how anyone could've ever predicted President Obama's term in office as a "post partisan" era. If anything, President Obama's term seems to be the beginning of an era in American politics with exceptionally high levels of partisanship. This new partisanship has perpetuated an old Washington problem: disinterest in comprehensive reforms. This has hurt America's ability as a country to move forward, because solutions to issues such as rising healthcare costs, climate change, a broken immigration and education system and an increasing national debt are almost never implemented or even legislated. It seems like America has lost its ability to solve its most pressing problems.

Adam Newman
Guest Columnist

I believe that this partisanship can be mitigated and America's problems solved by politicians I call "MIMs." MIM is an acronym for moderates, independents and mavericks. Each is different respectively, but all can play a role in decreasing the bitter partisanship between political parties, allowing America to move forward.

The first 'M' in "MIM" stands for moderate. Moderates are rare in politics because extremes are more active in election primaries than moderates, leading to the nomination and usually election of extreme candidates. This dynamic allowed for the Tea Partier Christine O'Donnell to win over moderate Mike Castle in the Delaware Republican Primary.

Moderate Republicans and Democrats are significant because they're more likely than extremes to improve their party's legislation to attract votes from the other party, propose bi-partisan legislation and vote for initiatives offered by the other party. Moderate Republicans have already helped President Obama by voting for the

stimulus and financial reform. If Obama is to successfully legislate his agenda to solve America's most pressing problems, he will need to win the support of moderates from both parties.

The next part of the MIM is the Independent. Independents in politics are rarer than moderates, but are valuable because they have the freedom to create their own agenda instead of basing it on the wishes of party bosses. The best example of an independent politician is New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. While many politicians avoid talking about long-term problems, Michael Bloomberg will speak both openly and accurately about them.

As more people lose faith in both political parties to offer real solutions, an independent Bloomberg running for president in 2012 could occur. Bloomberg could enter the race as a fresh alternative to President Obama and the Republican nominee, and could run on hot button issues such as immigration and education reform. While Bloomberg has almost no chance of winning, he could propel these issues into the public sphere whereupon the new President will more likely act on them, similar to how independent Ross Perot campaigned on deficit reduction in 1992.

The final part of the MIM is the "maverick," a political figure who shows independence from their party on certain issues. The most notable maverick in Washington is currently Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina. Even though Graham is a conservative, he has shown independence from the Republican Party by voting for both of Obama's Supreme Court nominees, helping to write the failed climate change bill with Democratic Sen. John Kerry and Independent Sen. Joe Lieberman and working on immigration reform with Democratic Senator Chuck Schumer. Graham has also shown independence

from the Republicans not only by not engaging in the "name calling" that Republican leaders have used the past two years, but also for his civility. He told Elena Kagan at her nomination: "There is no doubt in my mind that you are a liberal person, that applies as are most of the people [Democratic senators] on the other side, and I respect them, and I respect you." Lindsay Graham's actions and civility have made him a Tea Party target, but this has not stopped him from continuing his independence from the Republican Party.

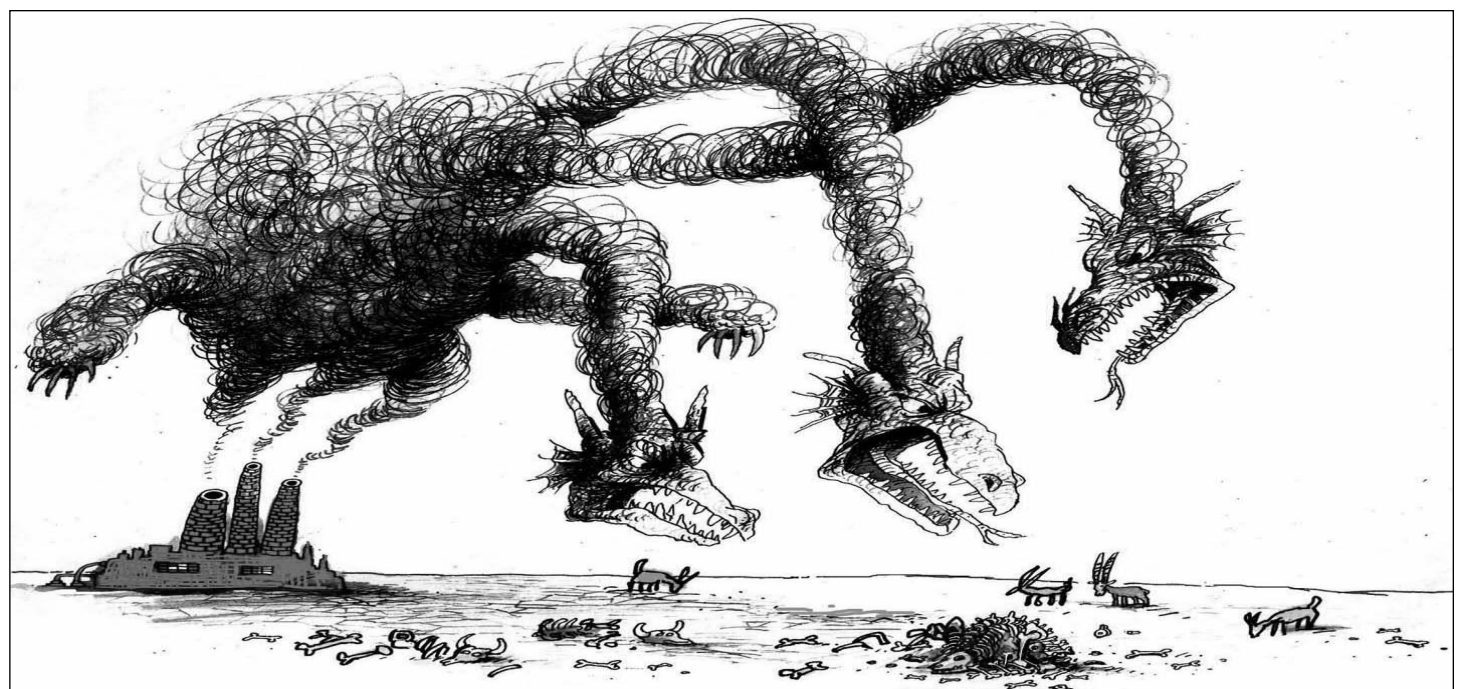
America would be a better place if more MIMs were elected into office. Republicans should have realized that moderate Mike Castle would have been a more electable and a better senator than Christine O'Donnell. An independent presidential candidacy waged by Michael Bloomberg in 2012 could pressure the president in 2012 to take up the hot button issues that Bloomberg campaigned on. Finally, Democrats in South Carolina should prepare to re-elect Lindsay Graham in 2014. He will have a tough re-election primary because of his independence from the Republican Party. Democrats should realize this and vote to make sure that the Republican maverick, and ultimately a good man, is re-elected.

America needs nothing less than a MIM revolution to propel both Democratic and Republican MIMs into the political arena to solve America's most pressing problems. For America's best days to be ahead of us, our worst political day must be behind us. Let's hope Americans realize this and start voting for MIMs in greater numbers before it's too late.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The best index to a person's character is (a) how he treats people who can't do him any good, and (b) how he treats people who can't fight back."

Abigail van Buren
 U.S. advice columnist

Submit a Letter to the Editor at

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars ... Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King, Jr.
 U.S. civil rights leader

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Satirical misfires

I was greatly disappointed with Ryan Williams's latest piece, "The evil lurking in Harry Potter." (Nov. 18) I tried to read it in light of the generally high standard of his writing; I can only conclude that it was a satirical misfire. (Even the Letter to the Editor regarding this piece on Friday all in all had higher irony content!) One of the first rules of satire is to seriously engage with the arguments of those one lampoons. Is Benedict quoted saying anything like, "The books unabashedly advocate witchcraft and Satanism while openly blaspheming our Lord Jesus Christ?" Not one of his other interlocutors is quoted saying anything about Harry Potter mocking the Bible. Of course, behind this façade of moderation hides anti-intellectual bigotry, but one still would have hoped for better from Williams. It is a signal departure from his previous excellent satirical pieces.

Despite my disagreements with Williams' conservative beliefs, I have always found his writing incisive and humorous. Consider his article on Newt Gingrich's visit ("Where's the protest?" Sept. 16). Plenty of people (look at the responses on the website!) believed that he was attacking the former Congressman, little suspecting the Aristophonic play here. For instance, Williams' tongue-in-cheek conflates the Church's opposition to public support of abortion with its condemnation of individual sins such as adul-

tery. Or consider his hyperbolic humor in "chastising" the students who protested President Obama's visit:

"You may argue that the circumstances are different this time, because Notre Dame is not honoring the former speaker with a degree, as it awarded Obama. But the people who opposed his presence on campus were not just upset about the decision to award him an honorary degree."

As a columnist for a publication of The Observer's caliber, I am sure that he knew plenty of students involved with the Obama protests (despite actually not even being a student here at the time), that he actually paid attention to what they said, and therefore expected everyone to recognize the clear irony of his tone; every single one of the undergrads I know who protested made it quite clear that indeed they were primarily protesting the award of an honorary degree to Obama.

Still, in the column title "freethinker," the old delicious irony shines again; after all, one of the most famous men to take this label was Voltaire, a man who decidedly did not think freely when it came to Jews and the equality of races.

Sincerely,

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TSA aggression

Anyone who wishes to fly in the United States must now be prepared to consent to either a virtual strip search or a pat-down in which TSA screeners touch a person's genitals. Both types of searches are utterly intolerable and do nothing to actually increase security. Even more alarming is the general public's willingness to uncritically surrender its dignity to the government's latest form of security theater at airports.

Under the new program, TSA officers may order passengers to be scanned by machines which see through a person's clothes and create an image of the person's naked body. An agent who never sees the passengers in person views the images from a remote location, but this does not change the fact that body scans are literally the digital equivalent of strip searches. There is a serious risk, of course, that these nude images will be recorded in some way, despite TSA's unconvincing protestations to the contrary. Moreover, the long-term safety of these machines has not been conclusively established.

Anyone who refuses a body scan will receive an "enhanced" pat-down, a misleading euphemism for an aggressive physical search which is supposed to be every bit as revealing as a scan. The level of touching involved in these new pat-downs has been described by some passengers as amounting to molestation. Thus, once the new screening methods have been completely phased in, TSA officers will either view travelers' genitals or fondle them.

These techniques do not improve safety. A Government Accountability Office report found that body scanners might not have detected the underwear bomb which nearly brought down a Detroit-bound flight last Christmas. Even assuming for the sake of argument that these machines will prevent people from smuggling anything underneath their clothing, there are still many other ways for terrorists to defeat airport security. It is no secret, for instance, that TSA screeners have generally performed miserably when simulated bombs have been sent

through security checkpoints, a fact of which al-Qaeda is surely aware. Moreover, not even the most sophisticated body scanner can detect weapons or explosives in body cavities, which is problematic because an al-Qaeda suicide bomber with explosives concealed in his rectum recently attempted to assassinate a Saudi prince. If a terrorist were to attempt a similar attack on an aircraft, would we allow TSA to conduct cavity searches on all who fly?

At most, these new screening measures present a truly minimal inconvenience for would-be terrorists, who will simply find other ways to carry out attacks. They also send an unmistakable message to the world that terrorism works. America's enemies will surely be amused that Americans are so fearful that they are now effectively strip searching and groping one another at airports in the naïve belief that such measures will prevent another attack.

The threat posed by terrorism must not be minimized, but TSA's patently demeaning and invasive screening techniques serve no purpose other than creating the illusion that security is better than it actually is. Too many people will unquestioningly accept whatever indignities the government imposes under the dangerously vague justification of national security, and law-abiding citizens ought not to be imaged in the nude, touched inappropriately, or otherwise violated as a prerequisite for flying. The very purpose of having constitutional protection from unreasonable searches and seizures by the government is to prevent the honor and dignity of the average person from being so egregiously defiled.

The American public must not blindly acquiesce to these Orwellian measures, which do not realistically make air travel any safer. It is only through maintained and emphatic public opposition that these measures will be meaningfully reformed.

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To study or not to study ...

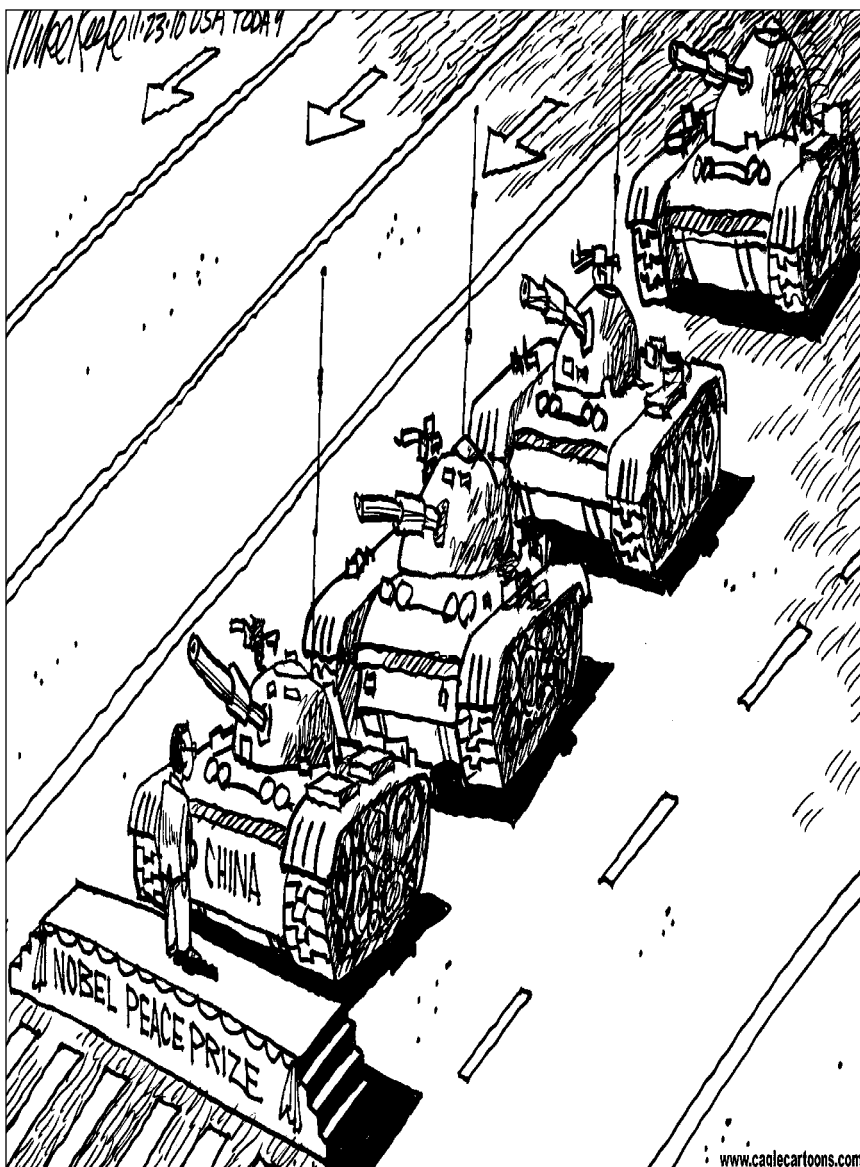
Whether 'tis nobler in the mind to work the dots and loops of Arabic script, or to take pencil against a field of electromagnetic forces and, in calculations, quantify them. To die — to sleep — no more — and by a sleep to say we ignore the grades and the trivial values of society's academia that success is heir to — Ah! 'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished. To die, to sleep ... To sleep, perchance to dream. Ay, there's the rub, for in that sleep of academic irresponsibility what dreams may come, when we have shuffled off this tragic work ethic, must give us pause. There's the respect that makes calamity of a college life.

For who would bear the sleeplessness and lack of time, the incoherent TAs, the chauvinistic professors, the pangs of despised lunch, the cruel RA, the injustice of Res Life, and the snide remarks that the less intelligent of us endure, when one oneself might his quietus make with a burdened bolster? Who would classes bear, to study and labor under a wearying workload, but that the dread of societal failure, the pitifully evinced state in whose bourn any poor resident is despised, puzzles the will and makes us rather bear those ills we have than fly to others that we know not of?

Thus conformation doth make cowards of us all, and thus the native hue of independence and self-formation is sicklied o'er with the pale cast of rationality, and enterprises of great pith and moment with this regard their currents turn awry, and lose the name of action. — Yet soft you now! The call of physics! Mine major, in thy tests be my cruel studies remembered.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON





Stephanie DePrez

Scene Writer

The situation: Music hunters seek, read, blog and cull music from radio, print, and most often, the interwebs. Music gatherers collect mix CDs, free digital downloads and whatever their friends happen to be listening to. If you are a gatherer, this space is for you. If you are a hunter, e-mail me your latest find, and I promise you'll find it written up here. (Seriously. E-mail. Even if you're not a student.)

Great collaborations are a hallmark of music-dom — think of Jay-Z and Linkin Park, New Kids on the Block and Backstreet Boys, and Carole King and James Taylor. When two musicians collaborate, they not only bring their independent sounds together to create a style yet unknown, but they bring two fan bases together that might not have otherwise listened in. Let's just say I'm waiting with baited breath for the latest

collaboration from Justin Bieber and Lady Gaga (not).

Today I would like to focus on the collaboration between Jon Foreman and Sean Watkins, or, as you may know them, the lead singers of Switchfoot and Nickel Creek. But before we get to that, let's lay some groundwork.

MUSIC UNDER THE RADAR



Switchfoot

They were meant to live for so much more. Switchfoot had a brief foray into the radio waves in 2005 with their album "The Beautiful Letdown." Songs like "Meant to Live," "This Is Your Life," and "Dare You to Move" became pop standards, and made themselves available to endless covers at venues like, say Acousticafé. Since then, they've released three major albums, all of which have kept the band afloat and touring. Their not-so-subtle Christian sentiment has allowed them a devoted audience. Challenge to you: if you've never listened to them purposefully (for you must have heard them at one point, on the radio or on a soundtrack), look up the song "Dare You to Move," and try to keep the chills of adventure from climbing in your window and snatching your people up.

Tracks to Tap: "Dare You to Move," "This Is Your Life," "Stars"

Nickel Creek

Let's make bluegrass interesting. No, let's make it popular. No, let's make it cool! And thus, they did. This bluegrass fusion band makes the mandolin downright sexy. Balancing female and male vocals, they walk the line between indie and folk without falling into the labeled-for-life genre of "indie folk," and actually consider themselves "progressive acoustic." Though now disbanded, they have four albums that showcase a wide variety of tastes.

Tracks to Tap: "When You Come Back Down," "Best of Luck," "Doubting Thomas"

Found Family

Jon Foreman (Switchfoot) and Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) have come together in an epic mash of finger-pickin' madness. Their sound is probably indicative of what would happen if a mandolin and a guitar decided to reproduce. Far less genre-specific than either of the original bands, Found Family creates a nice medium between jamming and virtuosity.

Tracks to Tap: "Friday, I'm in Love," "Betrayal," "War In My Blood"

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By ROSS FINNEY
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Famed blues artist B.B. King will be playing at the Morris Performing Arts Center Jan. 16. With his famous Gibson guitar "Lucille," King is sure to put on a spectacular show.

"The King of Blues" has been recording and touring since the 1940s and is truly a living legend. Born in the Mississippi delta, King later moved to Memphis where he quickly was immersed in the Beale Street blues scene. Known for hits like "3 O'clock Blues" and "Everyday I Have the Blues," King has released over 50 albums and has won 15 Grammy Awards.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee and Presidential Medal of Freedom winner has worked with numerous big names like Eric Clapton, the Rolling Stones and Van Morrison. His electric blues sound influenced everybody from Jimi Hendrix to Led Zeppelin, and King is consistently rated one of the best guitar players of all time.

This is a truly unique and rare opportunity to see a master of his craft at work. King is one of the few living blues men of his era, and always gives a stellar performance.

Tickets are on sale now at the Morris Performing Arts Box Office or can be bought by phone at (574) 235-9190 or (800) 537-6415 or online at morriscenter.org.

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Around the Bend

What: B.B. King Concert
Where: Morris Performing Arts Center, South Bend, Ind.
When: Sunday, Jan. 16 (Show begins at 7:30 p.m.)
How much: \$37-\$67
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B. B. KING



in the Bend

FASHION

Felicia by



I prescribe to a certain behavior I like to call "borrowing beyond borders." This behavior usually is at its zenith at the beginning of the school year and, of course, during the holidays, especially at Thanksgiving.

Felicia Caponigri
Scene Writer

The steps of this behavior common to any fashion worshipper usually go something like this:

Step 1: While imagining a perfect outfit you'll put together over these last weeks leading up to finals you realize you are missing one key accessory.

Step 2: As you think more about the key accessory you realize that it won't just go with that one outfit that will inspire you to ace your presentation, but that it will also go with that lovely dress you are planning to wear to the dorm holiday party.

Step 3: Suddenly you realize, "Wait, I've seen that accessory before! It's in my sister's/mother's/grandmother's/aunt's/first cousin once-removed/friend's closet!"

Step 4: "Aha," you think. "How convenient!" I am going home for Thanksgiving! I can easily borrow said accessory for the last few weeks of the semester. After all, no one will miss their favorite wardrobe member.

Step 5: Over turkey and mashed potatoes you exchange extra niceties. In the midst of passing the cranberries you casually mention to that certain family member how much you love their style, especially that one piece that would fit so perfectly into your own fashion fiesta.

Step 6: You ask to borrow said accessory, but only for one night while you see your old friends for a movie and popcorn.

Step 7: You leave to catch the flight back to campus after the holiday and somehow that prized accessory has found its way into your luggage. How

did that happen?

Step 8: Your family member calls you and asks, "Have you seen my (insert name of accessory here) that I lent you?"

"Oh no," you reply. "Maybe I left it in my room, or maybe it somehow got wrapped in one of my sweaters and therefore accidentally came to campus with me. Oops, here it is! I am so sorry. Of course I'll bring it back at Christmas."

Step 9: You wear said accessory, look fabulous and then give your family member an extra big Christmas gift to atone for your "borrowing." Sound familiar? I thought so.

This behavior is common to all walks of the fashionable life and indeed has even created its own look, which this author has seen in the flesh whilst studying away in the Bibliothèque Nationale de Paris. A pair of lived-in jeans with a roomy sweater may be your go-to studying outfit, but tack on your grandmother's sparkling brooch and not only do you have something shiny to enliven your philosophy reading, but you are also the epitome of "intellectual bohemian chic."

The brooch is an elegant staple that comes in a variety of sizes and colors.

Whether bijou or the real thing, it can dress up a casual outfit or be the ultimate jewelry that compliments a holiday frock.

Pin it close to your collarbone and pair it with understated post earrings, or use it to emphasize that unique part of your dress or jacket by pinning it to the

lapel or decorative ribbon. If you don't find it while riffling through a family closet, Urban Outfitters is offering them for \$9.99. At these prices, "borrowing beyond borders" may become a thing of the past — well, at least until your roommate sees it.

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Sophomore Kelsey Behan models the brooch.



Urban Outfitters, brooch, \$9.99

Thanksgiving is a time for good food, loving family and friendly football. Or at least that's what most assume. In reality, there is a deeper, darker side to this seemingly

Kevin Noonan

Scene Writer

delightful holiday: Black Friday.

Black Friday, the day immediately following

Thanksgiving, signifies the start of the Christmas shopping season. It is an unofficial national holiday for virtually everyone except bankers, retailers and high school and college-aged kids who work as waiters.

At one time very recently in my life, I unfortunately fell into this much-overlooked third category. And, I've got to say — Black Friday is aptly named. Black Friday is completely void of happiness for those in the customer service business.

Maybe it's because everyone despises shopping for other people (that's why I only shop for myself), maybe it's the long lines (which is why I make a habit of cutting to the front) or maybe it's because we all secretly hate large family gatherings (let's be honest here, by Friday we're all ready for them to just leave), but whatever miniscule amount of manners a customer might show on a normal day is completely chucked out the window on Black Friday.

Now, let's just play the law of averages here. Odds are, either you are going to knock out your Christmas shopping on Black Friday or you know someone who will. It's likely that at some point, you're going to get hungry. Well don't worry; this is America. There's a fast food joint within 40 feet of you at all times. I only ask, on behalf of the food service industry (I'm the self-appointed spokesperson), that a few rules of courtesy are observed.

1. You might have to wait in line for 27 minutes, but I have to be here for seven more hours. I cannot tell you how often someone thinks it's necessary to remind me that there is a line stretching to Mexico. Trust me, I'm aware. I have to serve all of

them. So please, spare me the, "can't you work any faster?" No, I can't. And I just lost that guy's order. Oops, should've kept his mouth shut.

2. Make up your mind before you order. Seriously, you've had 27 minutes to figure it out.

3. Leave the little ones at home. Or with a relative. Or standing in the cold. Anywhere else. This is for everyone's benefit. You don't have to drag little Johnny around all day, the other customers don't have to listen to him scream and I don't have to report you to child services when you slap him upside the head.

4. I don't care how often you come here; I can't put avocados on your salad if I don't have any.

"Yes sir, I know you come here twice a week." (No he doesn't.)

"Yes sir, I know they did it for you last time." (No they didn't.)

"No sir, I'm sorry we're out of avocados, so I can't do it for you today, I'm very sorry." (I'm not that sorry. You know what? I'm not sorry at all. We never have avocados.)

Moral of the story: I'm actually less likely to want to help someone if he or she drops the "They do this for me every time" line.

5. I don't care. This is less a rule of etiquette than a reminder to remember who is taking your order. If you think you want to tell me something, think real hard about it, look into my eyes and ask yourself, "Does this guy care?" Answer is no.

I don't think this is too much to ask. But hey, why am I complaining? I don't have to deal with this ridiculousness this year. Side note: if you work in a restaurant, do not print this off and post it on your staff bulletin board. Your manager will not find it humorous.

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Perron

Both boxers came into the fight not wanting to make the first mistake. As a result, neither side in the first round threw many punches.

Chong came out in the second round with the mindset of going after Perron. By doing this, Chong dominated the round, forcing Perron into the corner on multiple occasions.

Knowing she had to put up a better fight in the final round, Perron landed body shot after body shot on Chong, forcing her opponent to skip in circles around her. The swift style of Chong prevailed, as she defeated Perron in a split decision.

Maggie "One Man Wolfpack" Duffy def. Carolyn "Sweet Dee" Sever

Hindered by an early nose injury, Duffy used her quick and athletic style to defeat Sever by a split decision.

The first and second rounds had the same storyline — Sever throwing a host of power punches while the agile Duffy combated them with quick body shots.

Sever threw quicker punches in the third round, knowing she was down and needed to make a combat. However, it was too little, too late, as Duffy was victorious in the end.

Laura "Stuntin' Like Mufassa" Semeraro def. Jill "Just Jill" Giunco

Semeraro and Giunco could be described as mirror-image boxers. Both used full arm extension body punches that were neither rapid nor forceful. This style lasted only one round.

The second and third rounds were filled with Semeraro and Giunco trying to win the offensive battle, as neither seemed to want to play defense for long. By both using a steady diet of body and head shots, the physical aspect of the sport was taking a toll on the boxers. By a split decision, Semeraro was deemed victorious.

Maureen "The Mongrel" Koegel def. Courtney "The Cobra" Currier

Koegel's early dominance and strong punching allowed her to defeat Currier in a unanimous decision.

Both fighters came out strong, throwing a barrage of punches early, with little regard for defense. In the second round, Koegel was able to land

several big rights by forcing Currier up against the ropes and keeping her in tight.

In the third round, Koegel appeared to fatigue, and Currier used her wingspan to land long jabs, and appeared to win the round. Koegel's initial effort, though, was enough for the victory.

Carleigh "Boom Goes the Dynamite" Moore def. Erin "Feel the" Byrne

Both fighters came out on the defensive, blocking most of each other's punches in a somewhat reserved first round, although Byrne was able to get in some big shots to the head of Moore.

The second round was much more aggressive on both sides. Moore was able to find more success with the sudden change of pace, but Byrne was still able to land several jabs to the head.

Moore found her game in the final round, as she was able to block most of Byrne's punches and deliver several big hits to the head of her opponent.

That late rally seemed to put Moore over the top, and she won by split decision.

Anne "The Southern Belleringer" Allare def. Michelle "The Pink Power Ranger" Notardonato

The last fight of the night in Ring A was a true contrast of styles.

In the first round, Notardonato moved quickly, landing flurries of quick punches and using the entire ring to open up Allare. Allare, on the other hand, stayed in the center

of the ring and was able to land a handful of hard blows.

Notardonato blocked most of Allare's punches early in the second round, and continued to land quick body blows. Allare showed more energy in the second half of the round, landing several huge punches that put Notardonato on the run.

Allare landed almost of the punches in the final round, and took control of the contest. Notardonato rallied late but it was not enough, as Allare won by split decision.

Justine "Insane" Murnane def. Mariana "Chupacabras" Fonseca

In a unanimous victory, senior Murnane came out of the gate on the offensive, showing her resolve right from the outset.

"I still have a long way to go with technique, but I was determined to enter the ring and use everything I had learned in the last two and a

half months," the first-year fighter said. "I just had to believe that I could do it.

In the second round, Fonseca retaliated with a massive blow that knocked Murnane's face-guard loose, but Murnane remained poised and finished out the fight with a steady third round, showing no signs of her previous nerves.

"I had been nervous for days before the bouts, but once I got into the ring it was just like in practice," Murnane said. "I was calm, but excited. I could hear my friends cheering for me the whole time. It helped me keep in mind the great cause that we were all contributing to."

Megan "Mick" Zagger def. Deborah "The O'Nihilator" Olmstead

In yet another unanimous victory, the young enthusiastic Zagger started attacking from the first bell. Though Zagger said she was concerned about facing Olmstead, a three-year veteran to the Bouts, the sophomore was certainly not cautious in the ring.

"You get a lot more confident when you're all dressed in the gear with the gloves on," Zagger said. "My strategy was to throw lots of jabs and body shots to mix it up and get as many points as possible."

In the second round, Zagger did just that, with an incredible round that stunned the more experienced Olmstead. Both boxers showed impressive energy in the third, but Zagger stayed on top for the vast majority of the contest. As far as the outcome, Zagger was pleasantly surprised.

"I never would have expected a unanimous win, but my coach and corner captain were so enthusiastic the whole time and kept saying I was being intense," she said. "So despite how tired I was, I was rather confident that I would win."

Breanna "Don't Stop BRE-lieving" Stachowski def. Claire "Cuddly Bear" Cotter

Stachowski, who ultimately took the fight in unanimous fashion, showed strategic control in the first round. Eventually, though, she started taking advantage of Cotter's lapses in blocking, which led to a stellar second round for the Welsh Family junior.

"My strategy was to just make it through all three rounds without getting knocked out," Stachowski said. "I heard Claire was a great boxer and she really put up a tough fight."

Stachowski hopes to continue in the sport next year, and recommends the Bouts to anyone considering it.

"The two plus months of training and learning how to box was an awesome experience," Stachowski said. "The time commitment is worth it, and it is very unlikely you'll ever get another opportunity in

your life to learn this sport."

Viviana "So Do I!" Kim def. Kat "I Have a Green Card" Rodriguez

In a battle of co-captains, Kim bested Rodriguez in a tight split-decision contest. Both fighters showed astonishing quickness throughout the fight, especially Kim, who managed to force Rodriguez into corners several times throughout. Though it was Kim's third year in bouts, it was her first win. As far as strategy goes, Kim said her experience taught her to be practical going into the fight.

"Honestly, it doesn't really matter what your strategy is a lot of times because once you get inside the ring, everything changes," the senior said. "I had all these combinations I wanted to throw, different movements I wanted to use, but all I remember doing was throwing ones and twos and punching through my opponent's punches instead of moving my head."

Though the bout was certainly an intense one, Rodriguez and Kim kept it lighthearted at times.

"At one point we both tried to fake each other out and then slipped each other's fakes at the same exact moment," Kim said. "We were just smiling and laughing at each other through our head gears and mouth guards."

Kat "-astro-phe" Leach def. Jen "Psy" Coe

Leach grabbed hold of the momentum from the start in what would wind up being a split-decision victory for the Walsh Hall

sophomore. As a first-year fighter, Leach said she focused on her technique during the bout, and it paid off.

"The captains and coaches are great at getting us in shape and teaching us how to box," Leach said. "I just wanted to be confident and focus on doing the simple things well."

In the second round, Coe took back much of that momentum, but Leach was strong defensively and stayed mobile for the remainder of the fight. The third round continued with Leach holding strong and showing a poise characteristic of a more experienced fighter, which earned the Illinois native her first Baraka Bouts victory.

Holly "Hacksaw" Hinz def. Christina "Make You Quaver" Nypaver

Though Holly "Hacksaw" Hinz is known in the Notre Dame boxing community to "break faces", Nypaver managed to make her quiver a little

bit. In the end though, Hinz outlasted Nypaver with her remarkable endurance in this split-decision victory.

Both fighters put their notable agility to good use in the fight, making for a very close contest. Ultimately though, Hinz showed why her Baraka Bouts record is 3-0 with her strategic pacing and endurance, which paid off in the third round. The Michigan native credited her opponent with the closest match she has ever fought and was overall grateful for her experience with the program.

"Being a part of Baraka Bouts has been an awesome experience these last three years," Hinz said. "It feels great to go out with a win."

Anna "Thunda Punch" Dwyer def. Jenny "The Dahminator" Dahm

Though Dahm possessed a significant height advantage, Dwyer was clearly not intimidated as she ended the night with a unanimous victory, bringing her Baraka Bouts career record to 4-0. As this year's co-president of Baraka Bouts, Dwyer showed her experience throughout the fight, especially with her defense and stamina.

Even when Dahm landed a series of solid punches in the second round, Dwyer remained in motion and in control, and her high energy level in the third was evidence of her years of experience in the sport. Dwyer's commitment to Baraka Bouts is founded not only on her love of the sport but

on her dedication to the Holy Cross mission in Uganda, where she studied abroad.

"I have meant a lot of amazing people through the boxing program — fellow boxers, coaches, staff, alumni, Holy Cross fathers, brothers and sisters both here and in Uganda and students in Uganda," the New York native said. "Notre Dame is known for its community spirit, and this is magnified within the boxing programs."

Dwyer's unanimous victory in her final match represented much more than just one fight — it was a culmination of four years of training, a commitment to the Holy Cross Mission in East Africa and a year of leadership of the program.

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Neal: If I wanted a joke, I'd follow you into the john and watch you take a leak. Now are you gonna help me or are you gonna stand there like a slab of meat with mittens?

Neal: Are you trying to start a fight? Del: No. I'm simply stating a fact. That's all. You fidget with your nuts a lot. Neal: You know what'd make me happy? Del: Another couple of balls, and an extra set of fingers?

ND CROSS COUNTRY

Irish come up short at NCAA Championships

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Sports Writer

In the 31-team field at Monday's NCAA men's cross country National Championship at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, the Irish finished 25th overall with 571 points and concluded their 2010 season.

In his 26 years as head coach, Joe Plane has led Notre Dame to 20 NCAA Championship events. The team qualified with at-large points that it had earned over the course of the season.

The Notre Dame women fin-

ished 23rd of 31 teams at the 2009 championships, but the men were absent. The men's last visit to the NCAA Championships was in 2008, where they placed 19th overall. The Irish women did not qualify for the NAAs this year.

Oklahoma State, Florida State, Wisconsin, Stanford and Oklahoma rounded out the top five teams in the men's division this year.

The Irish went into the race with fresh legs after taking some time to rest them in practice over the previous week.

"Practice has been very easy. Just jogging around and keep-

ing the legs fresh for the Big Dance," senior Dan Jackson added.

Jackson ran his last race for the Irish 100th place overall finish (31:23), following close behind the first Notre Dame finisher, junior Jeremy Rae. Jackson raced for the Irish in 2008 as well, finishing 74th at 30:52.

Rae came in first for Notre Dame, running the 10-kilometer race in 31:07. He finished 78th overall. The top finisher overall was senior Samuel Challenga of Liberty College in 29:22.

Junior Jordan Carlson finished 108th in 31:28 and freshman Martin Grady was

124th at 31:37.

The Irish team was rounded out by junior Joe Miller, who ran in 32:04 for 161st place and freshman Walter Schafer in 184th in 32:34. Miller finished in 134th at the 2008 championships in 31:26.

"The NCAA National Championship is the biggest stage a Notre Dame runner can compete on in the collegiate level," Jackson said.

With his final collegiate cross country meet behind him, Jackson, one of the top Irish runners of the season, is proud of his accomplishments and looking forward to the future.

"I love running not only for

myself, but for my teammates, my coaches and supporters, and also Notre Dame," Jackson said. "What I will sorely miss after my collegiate career is over is representing something that is bigger than myself."

He now looks to the spring season, when he will join the Irish track and field team.

With the 2010 cross country season now finished, most of the members of both the men's and women's teams will head into the Indoor Track and Field season Dec. 3 at the Blue and Gold Meet at Notre Dame.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles finish fifth of nine in Fall Classic

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

The Belles wrapped up the competitive three-day Phoenix Fall Classic at the University of Chicago Sunday, finishing fifth out of nine teams and recovering two spots from the first day of competition.

The host Maroons finished first by a wide margin with 1252 points. Runner-up Lake Forest College finished with 464, while Saint Mary's earned 296.

Belles sophomore Katie Griffin turned in the best performance of the day, finishing in third place in the final of the 100-yard backstroke event in 1:04.08.

After finishing in seventh place after the first day, the Belles rallied for a fifth place finish in the second day, a result that held steady on Sunday.

Belles coach Mark Benishek attributed much of the improvement between Friday and Saturday to the performance of his distance swimmers.

"Our distance swimmers really stepped it up, they helped us make up some serious points and helped contribute to that fifth place," he said, noting specifically the work of junior Megan Price and sophomore Ellie Watson.

Benishek also praised the efforts of sophomore Kristyn Gerbeth, a rising star for the Belles.

"Kristyn Gerbeth in the 1600[yard relay] had a personal record," Benishek said. "That's the second week in a row she's achieved a personal record. She's slowly climbing her way toward the school record."

Junior Audrey Dalrymple said some of this success might be attributed to the extra work the Belles put in over Fall Break as the team stayed on campus to train.

"We stayed in South Bend to train over Fall Break. That extra time in the pool helped our team focus in on our goals for the season and put in the necessary practice time," she said.

According to Benishek, the team can expect to see more intense training as the in-conference portion of the season approaches. However, he revealed that at least a portion of the training during winter would be done in a much warmer climate.

"After the holidays we're heading down to Florida for a winter training trip from [Jan. 7 to 14]," Benishek said. "We'll do double practices — mornings and evenings — and we'll have a chance to really train hard."

Next up for Saint Mary's is the Calvin Invitational one week after Thanksgiving. The three-day event in Grand Rapids, Mich. will feature all of the Belles' fellow MIAA schools.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Cardinals take easy win over Mocs



Louisville guard Preston Knowles scores after a steal in the first half of the Cardinals' 106-65 win over Chattanooga.

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Preston Knowles scored 14 points and Peyton Siva, Kyle Kuric and Terrence Jennings added 13 points each as Louisville rolled by Chattanooga 106-65 on Monday.

The Cardinals (3-0) remained perfect in their new downtown arena by overwhelming the Mocs (2-3). Chattanooga turned it over 25 times and had no answer when Louisville pushed the tempo.

Rakeem Buckles, Mike Marra and Chris Smith scored 11 points each for Louisville, the third straight game the

Cardinals have had at least four players in double figures.

Louisville led by 12 at the half and then put the game away with a 22-3 burst early in the second half fueled by Jennings and Buckles.

Omar Wattad led Chattanooga with 24 points, but the Mocs looked gassed playing their fourth game in eight days.

Louisville, by comparison, looked energized. Coach Rick Pitino chastised his team after a lethargic 62-45 win over Jackson State on Saturday, a game that was a hangover of sorts following an emotional season-opening win over Butler.

There were no such problems against the Mocs.

Louisville started slowly but didn't take long to get going. The Cardinals, as Pitino pledged in the preseason, pushed the ball up the floor at every opportunity.

Chattanooga did its best to slow the Cardinals down, but the Mocs couldn't match Louisville's firepower or depth.

The Cardinals enticed Chattanooga into turning the game into a track meet, and the Mocs complied by rushing shots or giving the ball away.

Wattad did his best to keep Chattanooga within striking distance even as Louisville built a 14-point halftime lead. The Georgetown transfer came into the game with just five 3-pointers on the season but nearly matched it with four in the first half.

Wattad knocked down his fifth 3 early in the second, but it wasn't nearly enough to keep pace with the Cardinals. Louisville erupted over the next 5 minutes behind a series of steals that the Cardinals quickly converted into buckets at the other end of the floor.

If it wasn't Buckles finding Jennings for a dunk then it was Marra knocking down a 3-pointer or Kuric stepping into a passing lane and sprinting for a jam.

The Mocs offered little resistance, allowing Pitino to go deep into his bench early in the second half. Every combination worked. The Cardinals shot 49 percent, turned Chattanooga's turnovers into 28 points and had 29 assists on 37 field goals.

Louisville even played little-used 6-foot-8 senior George Good alongside 6-10 freshman Gorgui Dieng for an extended period. Freshman walk-on Tim Henderson played 10 minutes as all 12 Louisville players got in the game. The crowd roared its approval after a jumper by Smith pushed the Cardinals over 100 points for the first time in their new digs.

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Fourth year forward Tim Abromaitis had 26 points in Monday night's home game to lead the Irish in a 97-72 win over Maine.

a big improvement, Brey said. "He was afraid of the line, didn't want to go there his early years," Brey said. "But he's come a long way of

working on his game."

Notre Dame shot 25-of-27 free throws in the game, compared to Maine's total of five free throws in nine attempts.

The Irish will now travel to Orlando to take part in the Old Spice Classic over the weekend. They will face Georgia Thursday in their first game of the tournament. Other participating schools include No. 21 Temple, California, Boston College, Texas A&M, Wisconsin and Manhattan.

Brey said he looked forward to the chance at winning a championship early in the season.

"This nucleus, this locker room gets the chance to bring a trophy home," he said.

The game against Georgia begins at 7 p.m. Thursday at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Orlando.

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SARAH O'CONNOR/The Observer

Sophomore forward Jack Cooley dunks in the Irish game against Maine on Monday night.

SMC BASKETBALL

Undefeated Belles hope to continue record at Anderson

By JOE WIRTH
Sports Writer

The Belles will put their undefeated record to the test at Anderson College Tuesday. They have won each of their games by 26.6 points three games into the season.

"We are very fortunate and happy to be 3-0, but it is still very early in the season and we need to make sure we continue to improve," interim Belles head coach Patrick O'Daniel said.

The Ravens (1-1) opened their season with an impressive victory over Robert Morris, but were humbled in their last game with a 28-point defeat at the hands of Thomas More College. O'Daniel said the Belles focus on their own game they should be in good shape despite. "Anderson is a team we believe has improved from last year. We will certainly prepare for them based on their player personnel and their offense and defense they might play against us, but we will also focus on what we need to do to

be successful," O'Daniel said.

O'Daniel cited specific areas of the game he will look for improvement in against Anderson.

"Our goal and focus preparing for this game is to play good defense, execute and stay discipline on offense, cut down on our turnovers, and control the boards on both ends," O'Daniel said.

As their last two wins have been on their home court, O'Daniel showed worry about the team's ability to win on the road.

"Anytime you play a team on their home court, there is concern because you know they will be ready to play," he said. "We need to continue to build on what we have done in our first three games on the road and hopefully we can continue this great start."

The game against Anderson will be the Belles' third game in five days, but O'Daniel said he thinks their depth will be the difference maker in the game.

"Playing three games in five days is certainly a challenge for any team. Anderson is also play-

ing their third game in five days. Fortunately we have been able to use our depth and play a lot of players in all three games played thus far," O'Daniel said. "I am hopeful this will help us in terms of players not being tired and they will have good energy and intensity throughout the game."

Tip off between the Belles and Ravens will be at 7:30 p.m. at Anderson's Kardatzke Wellness Center.

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NHL

Plumlee helps Duke remain in first place

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mason Plumlee scored a career-high 25 points had 12 rebounds and six blocks to lead No. 1 Duke to an 82-77 victory over Marquette in the semifinals of the CBE Classic on Monday night.

The 6-foot-10 junior dominated inside in a game where the Blue Devils (4-0) took a big early lead then saw Marquette tie it three times before Duke went on a 9-0 run that gave it the cushion it needed down the stretch on the way to the reigning national champion's 14th consecutive win.

Duke will face the winner of the other semifinal between No. 4 Kansas State and No. 22 Gonzaga in the championship game Tuesday night at the Sprint Center.

The Blue Devils took a 23-9 lead with 11:15 to play in the first half. Duke was still ahead 40-31 at halftime but the Golden Eagles (4-1) were able to tie the game three times but never took the lead.

The last tie was 57-all on a baseline jumper by Jae Crowder with 10:28 to play. The Blue Devils scored the next nine points — four by Plumlee — and the Golden Eagles didn't have another run in them.

Nolan Smith had 18 points for Duke and Kyle Singler added 14 while freshman Kyrie Irving had 11 points and seven assists.

Jimmy Butler led Marquette, which was 4 of 20 on 3-pointers, with 22 points and Crowder added 15.

This is the seventh straight season Duke has started 4-0 and it is the 21st time it has had that record in Mike Krzyzewski's 32 seasons. This was Krzyzewski's 799th win at Duke and his 872nd overall, four behind Adolph Rupp on the all-time list.

The win extended Duke's November winning streak 26 games with the last loss being to Marquette in the finals of 2006 CBE Classic.

The Golden Eagles dropped to 1-7 all-time versus No. 1 teams and 2-6 against Duke.

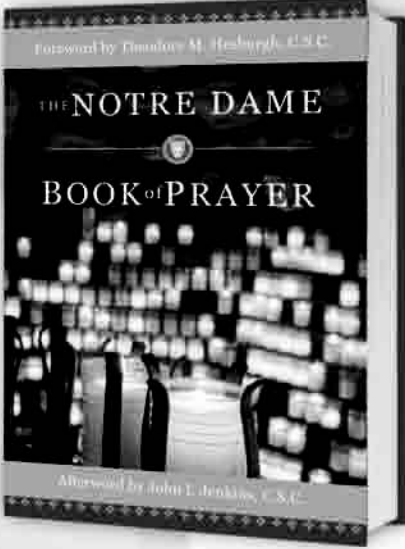
Although Duke built its early lead on 3-pointers in consecutive trips on Irving, Singler and Seth Curry, Plumlee was the one who made things tough inside on both ends of the court for Marquette.

His fastbreak dunk and move down low capped the 9-0 run that gave the Blue Devils a 66-57 lead with 8:46 to go.

The final score was as close as Marquette would get and that came about with a sloppy final minute by both teams.

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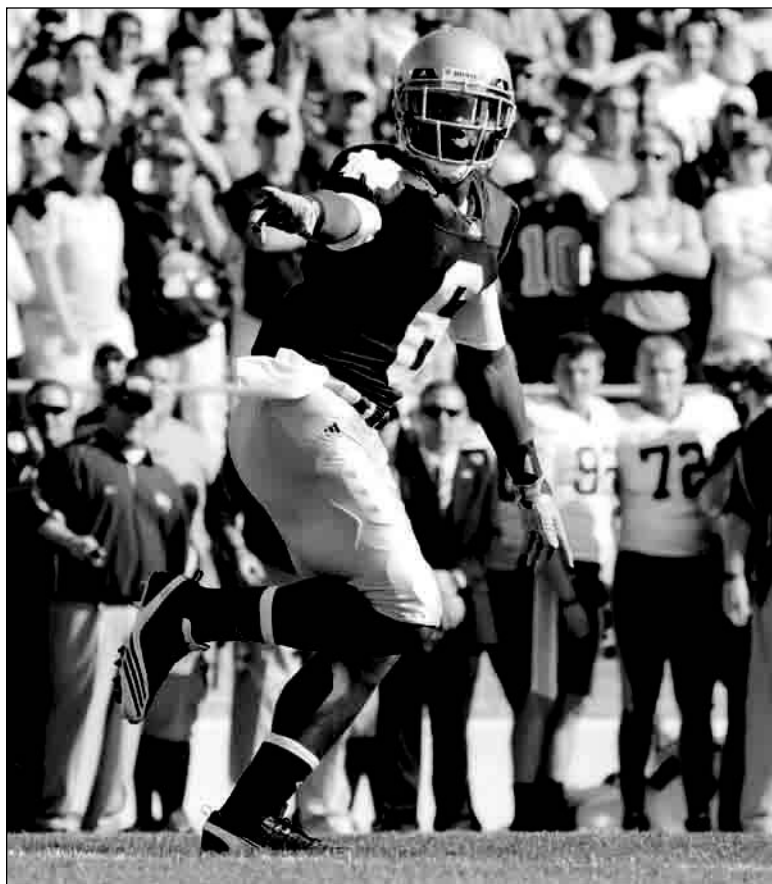
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Sophomore Theo Riddick runs for a pass in the 23-17 Irish win against Pitt. Riddick hopes to return this weekend after an ankle injury.

Kelly

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"We'll feel better with a win, obviously, and we'll feel good about the progress we've made in November," Kelly said in a Sunday teleconference. "But the bottom line for us is to continue to move in the right direction, to play with

that physical and mental toughness."

The Irish may get a lift with the potential return of key contributor sophomore wide receiver Theo Riddick. Riddick is listed second on the two-deep depth chart at the slot position. Riddick severely sprained his ankle in Notre Dame's 44-20 victory over Western Michigan Oct. 16.

The Trojans have also been

hit with injuries in recent weeks. Sophomore quarterback Matt Barkley suffered a high ankle sprain in Saturday's loss to Oregon State and could miss the game against Notre Dame. According to the Pasadena Star-News, Kiffin told reporters Sunday he is "extremely hopeful" Barkley would be ready to start, but that the Trojans have a backup plan in Mitch Mustain.

"We're prepared to start Mitch," Kiffin said of the red-shirt senior, who started as a freshman at Arkansas in 2006 before transferring to USC. "We have great confidence in Mitch. He's played well for us in scrimmages."

Barkley has thrown for 2,593 yards, 25 touchdowns and 10 interceptions this season. In limited action, Mustain has completed 20 of 34 passes for 165 yards and a touchdown.

Regardless of who takes the snaps for the Trojans, he will have a pair of playmakers on the outside in receivers Robert Woods and Ronald Johnson, who have combined for 106 catches for 1,264 yards and 14 touchdowns this season.

USC boasts a balanced offense that averages 250 passing yards and 192 rushing yards per game. Senior running back Marc Tyler's 146 carries, 820 yards and nine touchdowns lead a multi-dimensional Trojans run game that will test a Notre Dame defense that has dominated in consecutive weeks.

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NFL

Dolphins still hope for Super Bowl shot

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — The Miami Dolphins are still hopeful of making a run to the playoffs.

Even at 5-5 going into Sunday's trip to Oakland, and coming off an embarrassing 16-0 loss to Chicago last Thursday night, the Dolphins resumed practice Monday feeling both realistic and optimistic.

"It's possible," linebacker Channing Crowder said. "(Coach) Tony (Sparano) said all our team goals — winning the division, winning the Super Bowl and all that — are still in sight. We just made it hard for ourselves."

That long shot idea of a postseason berth is why Pro Bowl left tackle Jake Long, who can't fully extend his left arm because of an injured shoulder, is playing with a harness. It's why running back Ronnie Brown, despite being on a career-long drought of 15 games without a 100-yard rushing performance, hasn't ripped into his fellow players and the coaches. And it's why Sparano isn't panicking, at least not on the outside.

After all, it was just two years ago the Miami Dolphins were in a similar position. In 2008, the Dolphins, coming off a 1-15 season, were 6-5, and then won their final five games to finish 11-5 and win the AFC East. And that same year linebacker Karlos Dansby's Arizona Cardinals team, at 9-7, made an unlikely Super Bowl run.

"So when you're standing in front of (the team)," Sparano said, "and you're telling them what is possible and, it still is possible, then there's some credibility there."

Perhaps.

But, the Dolphins remain long shots for the playoffs. They've lost to their top two AFC East rivals, the New York Jets (8-2) and New England Patriots (8-2), as well as two of the AFC's top wild-card contenders, Baltimore (7-3) and Pittsburgh (7-3).

Miami also has major health concerns. Wide receiver Brandon Marshall didn't participate in the portion of Monday's practice open to the media, possibly due to a hamstring injury he sustained in Thursday's loss to Chicago. His status for the Oakland game isn't known.

And the Dolphins are likely to again start quarterback Tyler Thigpen, who was recently on the third team. But injuries to Chad Pennington (shoulder) and former starter Chad Henne (knee) in a 29-17 victory over Tennessee moved Thigpen into the starting role against the Bears.

Further, Miami might also have to again play its third-team center in guard Richie Incognito. Joe Berger, the usual starter, missed the Chicago game due to a knee injury. And during that game his backup, Cory Procter, sustained a season-ending knee injury, forcing Incognito to come in at center.

The Dolphins signed offensive lineman Eric Ghiaciuc on Monday, but it's not clear if he'll be ready to play.

Against this backdrop, the Dolphins hold out playoff hopes.

The players say they know what's at stake every game.

"It's not like college or something where the coaches have to get you going," cornerback Vontae Davis said.

NFL

Cowboys use running game

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Jason Garrett called the offensive plays under Wade Phillips, so his promotion to interim head coach shouldn't have changed a thing about how the Dallas Cowboys run and throw.

Boy, has it ever.

In each of Garrett's two games in charge of the entire squad, the Cowboys have run more than they've thrown, something they hadn't done even once. Dallas also won both games, something else that had been unprecedented this season.

Garrett insists the revitalization of the running game stems from how the games have gone overall. In many of the early games, the Cowboys got behind early and had to throw a lot to try catching up.

They also weren't very good when they did run. As a result, last year's average of 131.4 yards rushing per game was whacked to 75.6 yards per game, second-worst in the NFL, when Phillips was fired.

But the past two games, they've been ahead in the fourth quarter, allowing them to close games out by repeatedly handing off against a defense that's already worn out, physically and mentally.

Against Detroit on Sunday, Dallas ran 15 times in the fourth quarter, after running 15 times over the first three periods combined. In that final quarter, Marion Barber broke off a run that went for a season-best 24 yards on a third-and-15, and quarterback Jon Kitna went 29 yards for a touchdown, the

longest run of his 14-year career.

"He didn't show a tremendous amount of explosiveness in space," Garrett said with a smile. "But he had kind of an oozy feel to his running style that allowed him to get in the end zone."

Kitna's scamper also was the perfect play call, something the Cowboys detected in the Lions' defense. Barber's run was a hard burst by a guy who just wanted it.

Put them together, and those are the kinds of things that keep an offense and a team rolling along.

A woeful running game was among the things that led to Phillips' departure.

Over his last three games, all ugly losses, the Cowboys ran for a grand total of 130 yards. They had 134 on Sunday alone. The previous week, facing a Giants defense that was No. 2 in the NFL against the run, Dallas ran 27 times for 103 yards.

There's still plenty of room for improvement. The Cowboys have just three rushing touchdowns — one in September, one in October and Kitna's marking the lone one in November.

But at least they're seeing progress. Their average yards per carry is up from 3.6 in the half-season under Phillips to 4.2 in the Garrett era.

"We've just been more efficient," right guard Leonard Davis said. "If we're getting 4, 5 yards per carry, we're staying you out of those third-and-longs. We eliminate those situations. Being in third-and-2 or third-and-3, it keeps the defense guessing. Are they going to throw it? Run it?

What?"

Tight end Jason Witten believes the efficiency comes from opportunities. The more they do it, the better they get.

"We've done a good job executing running the ball and then our line has done a good job of blocking them," Witten said. "We had a lot of (defensive) guys getting through earlier in the year."

The Cowboys went through a stretch Sunday of six straight series without a first down, with the offense losing a fumble near its own end zone and then committing a holding penalty in the end zone for a safety.

That all helped turn a 7-0 lead into a 12-7 deficit. It could've been a lot worse, if not for the defense.

Then a punt was returned for a touchdown and suddenly the struggling offense was back in the lead. They took it from there, scoring on the next three drives. The fact the game didn't get away from them enabled Garrett to keep calling runs.

"When you're ahead or when you're playing a closer game you can afford to be a little more persistent with the running game," Garrett said.

Felix Jones, who has become Dallas' lead back in recent weeks, left the Lions game with a hip injury. He returned later in the game, but sat out practice Monday.

Barber practiced — and wore a covering over his dreadlocks, keeping them inside his helmet. He was pulled down from behind by his dangling hair Sunday, but got lucky that officials mistakenly called it a horse-collar.



AP

Miami quarterback Chad Pennington gestures during a news conference in Davie, Fla., on Nov. 10.

FENCING

Irish show strong results across seas

By MIKE TODISCO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame recently spanned the globe to compete in various events. Four team members traveled to Sosnowiec, Poland, to compete in a World Cup event, highlighted by sophomore Lian Osier's third-place finish in the sabre event, and another quartet of Irish fencers traveled to Milwaukee, Wis. for the North American Cup B.

At Sosnowiec the Irish fencers were representing the United States and competing for national points standings. Osier was the top American finisher in the sabre. She said she was pleased with her showing at Sosnowiec.

"This was the best result I've ever had internationally," she said. "It was a really strong field and I was shocked I did so well, but at the same time I was expected to finish up there."

Sophomore Abigail Nichols finished in 46th place while sophomore Jason Choy came in 57th and freshman Alex Coccia in 90th competed in the men's sabre.

In Milwaukee, sophomore James Kaull had the highest finish, falling in the medal round to finish sixth overall.

Irish assistant coach Gia

Kvaratskhelia said that Kaull was excruciatingly close to victory.

"James Kaull lost in overtime which means that the match was tied in regular time and one minute extra decides who wins. He lost by just one touch," Kvaratskhelia said.

Senior Steve Kubik finished 16th in the foil event. Freshman Adriana Camacho finished 16th in the women's foil, which Kvaratskhelia said was significant for the freshman fencer.

"Camacho's result was significant because this was the first time she was able to break into the top 16, which is where the fencers are able to earn qualifying points," Kvaratskhelia said.

Kvaratskhelia was pleased with the overall effort from the events over the weekend and said that the results represent a bright future for the Irish.

"We were pleased that even though we were without a lot of kids for various reasons we still had a really good showing from the freshman and sophomore class which shows us that a few years down the road we have a really solid foundation for good results," Kvaratskhelia said.

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Lian Osier
Irish sophomore

CLUB SPORTS

Sander wins first collegiate match

Special to the Observer

Squash

The Irish hosted Purdue and Western Michigan on Saturday on the newly refurbished Joyce Center squash courts. Notre Dame christened the courts with a 7-2 victory over Western Michigan, before falling to Purdue 8-1.

Eric Huang went the distance in two hard-fought five-game matches on the day. Excellent debuts featured Allison Fachetti and Chris Sander, the latter winning his first College Squash Association (CSA) match and providing the only Irish win over Purdue. Brian Hurley fought hard but lost against a tough Purdue No. 1.

Kenneth Schlax, Michael Todisco, who is also a sports writer at The Observer, and Dennis Grabowski played well against the Broncos but lost to Purdue. Freshmen Justin Campbell and Luke Pardue looked much improved against Western Michigan, with mixed success. Junior Ryan Jenks returned after a long hiatus, easily defeating his Western Michigan opponent but falling in an intense four games to Purdue's No. 2.

Sailing

Notre Dame competed in the Timme Angsten Memorial Regatta this weekend, hosted by Chicago Yacht Club. This event also serves as the Midwest Fall Championship, and the Irish placed sixth of nine schools. Wisconsin-

Madison won the event, followed by Michigan, Minnesota, Northwestern, Marquette, the Irish, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Queens and the University of Chicago.

On Saturday, there were strong and steady winds of 10-12 mph with temperatures in the mid-40s. Sunday was slightly warmer and winds started light but built to about 15 mph by the last race. In the A Division, Nathaniel Walden skippered and Ali Donahue crewed. In the B Division, Jeff Miller skippered and Jessica Hedrich crewed.

Men's Rowing

The men's rowing club travelled to Grand Rapids, Mich. early Saturday morning to scrimmage the Grand Valley State University men's rowing team. The Irish raced three varsity eight boats and one novice eight boat at the scrimmage, which consisted of a 3,000-meter head race, three 1500-meter sprints, and one 500-meter dash.

The first varsity eight of the club placed first in the head race, with a time of 9:30.0. The crew — coxed by Greg Obee, with Garrett Campbell, Greg Flood, Michael Maggart, Brent Shawcross, Zach Stackhouse, Tim Parks, Sean Gibbons and Michael Wagner from stroke to bow — was followed by the first Grand Valley eight. The second, third, and novice eights from Notre Dame placed fourth, fifth and seventh, respective-

ly. In the first sprint, the top Laker eight pulled ahead of the field, finishing with a time of 3:50.0. The three Notre Dame varsity eights finished second, third and fourth, ahead of the Grand Valley second and third eight boats.

In the second sprint, the top Notre Dame eight moved through the top Grand Valley eight in the second half of the piece, winning with a time of 3:51.1. The second and third Notre Dame eights placed fourth and fifth behind the top two Laker boats.

In the third sprint, after Grand Valley got to an early lead by one boat length, the top Notre Dame eight moved through their boat again, winning with a time of 3:51.4. The second and third Notre Dame eights finished third and fifth, respectively.

The Laker boat got ahead early in the 500-meter dash and held the lead, finishing with a time of 1:21.2. The top two Notre Dame eights finished second and third, with the third varsity eight finishing fifth.

This was the first sprint-style racing of the season for the novice eight. They placed second in their heat in each of the 1500-meter sprint races and won their heat in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:31.0.

This was the last fall regatta of the season for club. It will head indoors within the next few weeks to begin their winter training season.

NFL

Four-game winning streak gives Falcons momentum

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons are at their best when playing take-away.

The NFC-leading Falcons (8-2) have outscored opponents 73-30 in the fourth quarter. Coach Mike Smith attributes much of the late success to a turnover margin that ranks second in the league.

When winning the turnover battle, Atlanta is 17-1 in three years under Smith. This season, the Falcons have a plus-10 margin in takeaways, which trails only Philadelphia.

Coming off a 34-17 victory at St. Louis, the Falcons have a four-game winning streak and lead New Orleans and Tampa Bay by one game in the NFC South heading into Sunday's big contest against another division leader, the Green Bay Packers.

Like every coach, Smith recites a familiar mantra to his players every spring when they report for mini-camp: Win the turnover battle, and you win games.

The team has clearly taken the message to heart. Atlanta is 7-0 this season when it has fewer turnovers than the opponent.

"We're plus-one this week, so we're now plus-10," Smith said Monday. "We're second in the league, and when you get the

turnovers and don't turn the ball over and you're on the plus side, you're basically stealing possessions."

Not that it's been easy. The Falcons have needed fourth-quarter magic to beat St. Louis, Baltimore, Tampa Bay and Cincinnati.

Safety William Moore was the latest hero, picking off Sam Bradford's shuttle pass at the Atlanta 1 before Michael Turner's 39-yard touchdown run one possession later sealed the win.

"We just got away for a minute in the end there," Turner said, "but it was pretty tight throughout the whole game."

The Falcons aren't just satisfied with multiple takeaways and minimal giveaways. Ranking second in time of possession, second in third-down offensive efficiency and seventh in rushing, Atlanta has found a strong formula for winning.

Defense creates turnovers. Offense scores points.

But it also helps that quarterback Matt Ryan is becoming a master at making the correct pre-snap reads, calling plays from no-huddle formations and making use of several targets.

Ryan benefits from having three elite playmakers in Turner, NFL receiving leader Roddy White and tight end Tony Gonzalez, but he also gets

starting wideout Michael Jenkins and several reserves involved in the passing game.

Against the Rams, a four-man tandem of reserves — tight end Justin Peelle, running back Jason Snelling and receivers Brian Finneran and Eric Weems — combined to catch seven passes for 70 yards, two touchdowns and three third-down conversions.

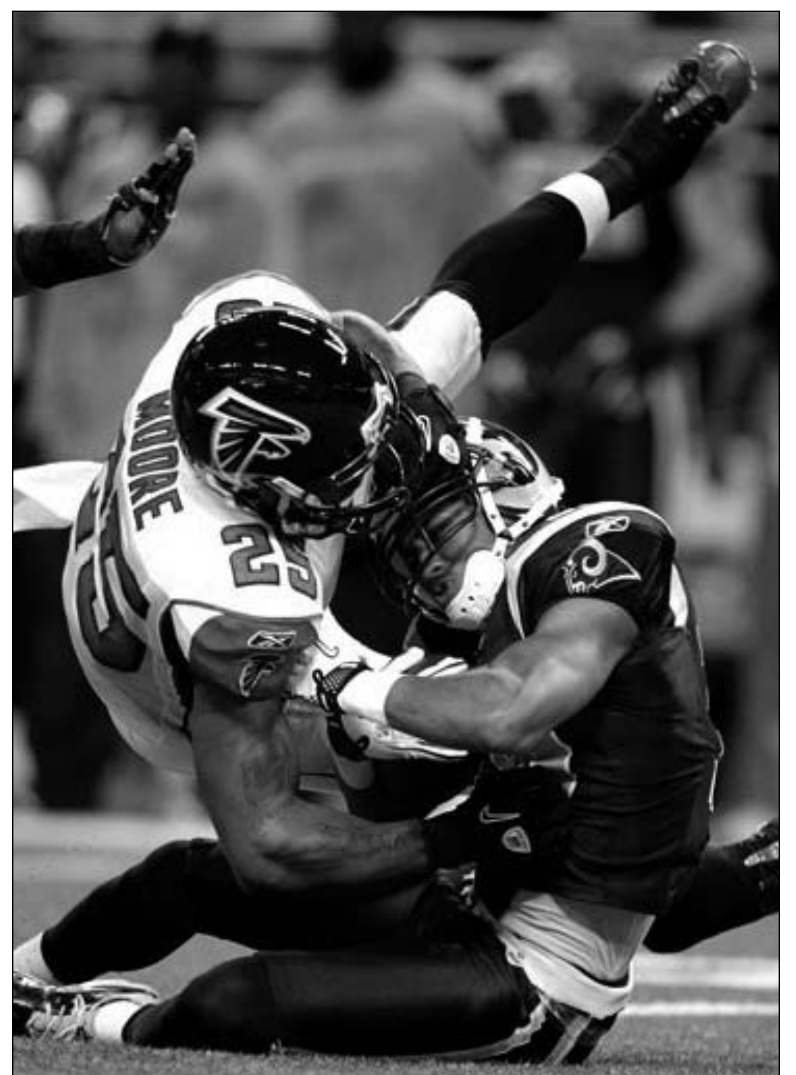
If there was one complaint about Sunday's win, the Falcons scored just two touchdowns in five red-zone opportunities. But Ryan was still pleased to put up points on four straight first-half possessions as he changed the offensive tempo, switching out of the no-huddle.

"We had some quick snaps, but we also used some clock and also some dummy cadences to kind of get a look from them," Ryan said. "I think we were more effective in our no-huddle, but we also had great field position."

It was enough for the Falcons to return home with their 11th victory in 13 games dating to Week 15 last season.

Maybe the national buzz hasn't swept up the Falcons. They don't mind a bit.

"It was a good win for us, but again we've got another tough opponent this week," Ryan said. "We're going to need to get back to work and prepare the way we have all year."

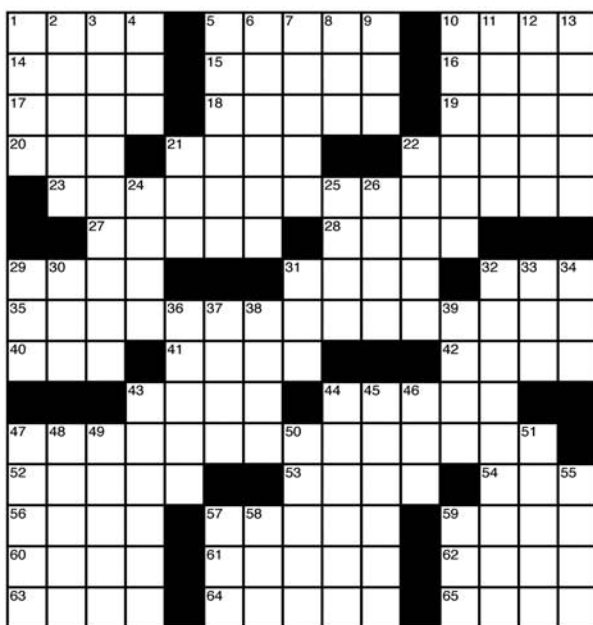


Rams wide receiver Laurent Robinson goes down with a tackle by Falcons safety William Moore during Atlanta's 34-17 win on Sunday.

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WILL SHORTZ

- Across**
- 1 Flexible, electrically
 - 5 Desert plants
 - 10 For fear that
 - 14 Prisoner's knife
 - 15 Be ___ in the neck
 - 16 "Even ___ speak ..."
 - 17 Cab
 - 18 Window features
 - 19 One at the computer
 - 20 Agent Gold of HBO's "Entourage"
 - 21 Japanese sleuth Mr. ___
 - 22 Primp
 - 23 2000 De Niro/Stiller comedy
 - 27 "Mighty" man who struck out
 - 28 Not written, as a test
 - 29 Makes mistakes
 - 31 Pleased
 - 32 "___ Pinafore"
 - 35 Basic, as issues
 - 40 Toddler
 - 41 Land west of Vietnam
 - 42 Chooses
 - 43 West Germany's capital
 - 44 Alternative to singles, in figure skating
 - 47 What judges do in court
 - 52 First name in W.W. II infamy
 - 53 Commedia dell'___
 - 54 Gold, in Guadalajara
 - 56 Color lightly
 - 57 So yesterday
 - 59 Editing mark
 - 60 Suffix with kitchen
 - 61 Parisian love
 - 62 No. on a bank statement
- Down**
- 1 "The Thin Man" dog
 - 2 The third time's said to be one
 - 3 Strom Thurmond follower of 1948
 - 4 106, to Trajan
 - 5 Truman who wrote "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
 - 6 Lack of interest
 - 7 Something to paddle
 - 8 Even score
 - 9 Ones who are elected
 - 10 Winner's wreath
 - 11 German steel city
 - 12 Bonbon, e.g.
 - 13 Shorebirds
 - 21 The Appalachians, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 22 "The Devil Wears ___"
 - 24 Sunrise direction
 - 25 Explorer Marco
 - 26 "I smell ___"
 - 29 Ambulance worker, for short
 - 30 ___ Speed Wagon (old vehicle)
 - 31 Auto gizmo that talks, in brief
 - 32 Sidewalk game with chalk
 - 33 Big Apple museum, with "the"
 - 63 Like show horses' feet
 - 64 Bedsheets, e.g.
 - 65 "___ be in England"



Puzzle by Andrea Carla Michaels

- 34 Sizzling sound
- 36 Standoffish
- 37 Half of Mork's goodbye
- 38 Advice regarding touching a hot stove
- 39 Actress Spelling
- 43 Sang loudly, with "out"
- 44 Chase
- 45 To the rear, on a ship
- 46 Suffix with Israel or Manhattan
- 47 Spouses
- 48 Singer Piaf
- 49 The Lone Ranger's faithful friend
- 50 Bourne of "The Bourne Identity"
- 51 Build
- 55 Sgt. Snorkel's four-legged friend
- 57 Friend
- 58 French friend
- 59 ___ Paulo, Brazil

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Happy Birthday: You can accomplish a lot this year if you set your priorities and stick to your game plan. There will be plenty of distractions that appear to be more fun, but pushing for success will bring far greater rewards. Love is on the rise but don't let it influence your financial or professional decisions. Your numbers are 2, 9, 13, 20, 26, 31, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Focus on friends, family and partners and you will enhance your connection to people who are important to your future. Be proactive and progressive. What you say can make the difference to the end results. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Emotions won't mix well with financial deals. Stick to business. There is too much tension involving what you owe and what's owed to you. A little creative accounting will allow you greater freedom in the future. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't be fooled by what someone tells you. Chances are you are being given a false impression to lead you off-course. Do your own fact finding. An interesting relationship will form between you and someone with whom you do business. A little charm will go a long way. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Avoid keeping secrets or getting involved in any sort of gossip. There is plenty to accomplish and, with the right attitude and being a team player, you will enhance your reputation and possibly your position. Positive thinking equals positive performance. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Networking will lead to a better position or an opportunity to partner with someone who can contribute to your project. Taking part in events or activities that include children will lead to new friendships. Make home improvements. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is way too much to do to waste time arguing over something unimportant. Your greatest revenge is your own success. Put your time and energy into something constructive. It will ease tension and divert any negative responses. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enjoy entertainment, travel and communicating. A creative idea can lead to a lucrative invention. Your charm will lead to a partnership that can be very beneficial. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rethink your financial strategy. You may have to make some concessions in order to make ends meet. Take a unique approach to a talent or skill you have and put a price tag on what you have to offer. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pay attention to the people with whom you have business or personal relationships. There is plenty you can do to make someone feel important and, in doing so, you will bypass a problem. Overindulgence and overreacting will work against you. ★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be ready to compromise in order to get what you want. It's important to understand what everyone around you needs. Get any red tape issues out of the way so you will not face last-minute setbacks. Someone you have to deal with is likely to be difficult. ★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make alterations at home that will ease your stress and help you stick to your budget. Now is not the time to overspend but it is the time to rethink the way you handle your money. Cut your overhead by sharing costs. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You are likely to make someone uncomfortable or angry if you are too honest about the way you feel or what you think. Travel and communications will lead to delays, detours and disruptions. Be accommodating: It's hard to find fault with someone who is. ★★

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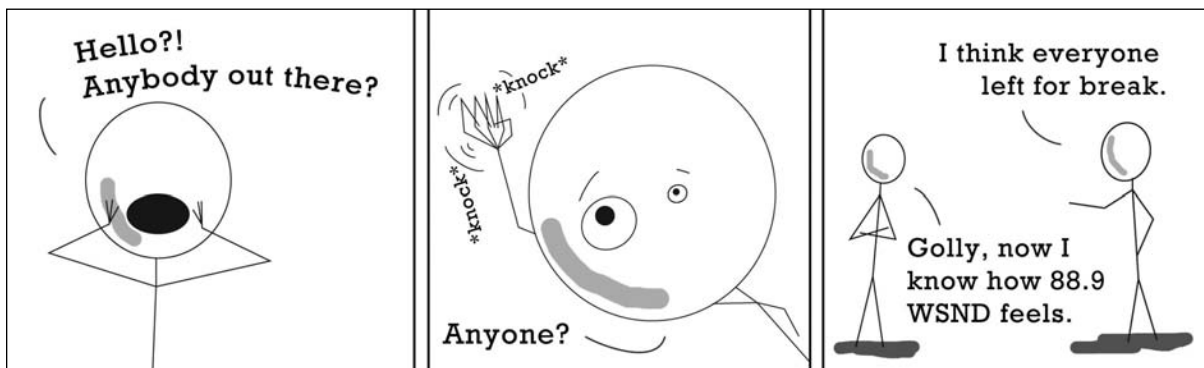
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FOOTBALL

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Irish look to end losing history with Trojans

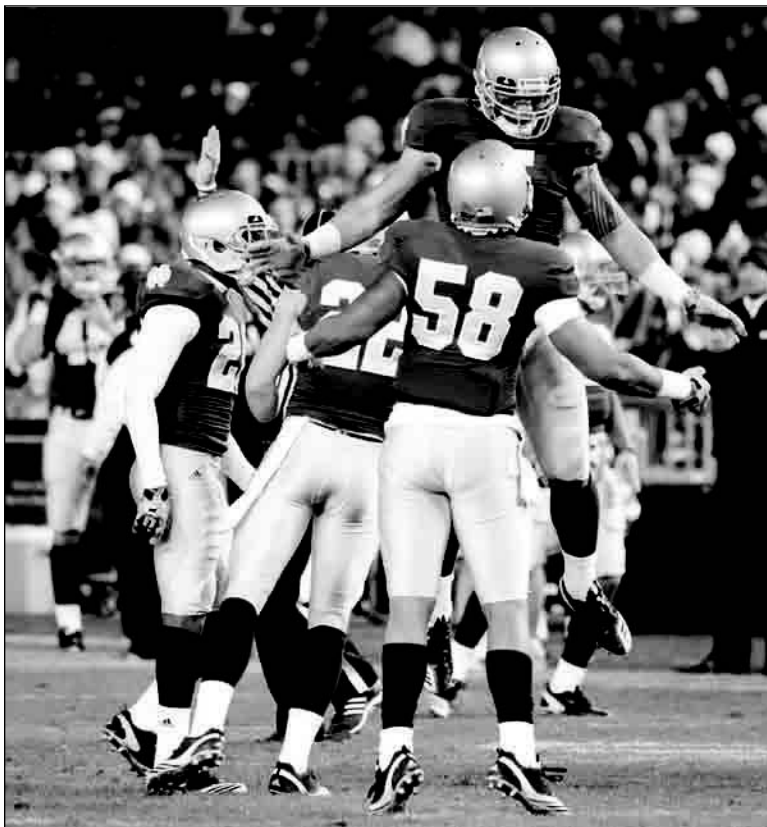
By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame defense has effectively dominated in consecutive blowout victories in the month of November, bucking a number of downward trends that hampered the Irish down the stretch in recent seasons.

Notre Dame (6-5) will have a similar opportunity Saturday, when the Irish attempt to snap an eight-game losing streak against USC at the L.A. Coliseum on Saturday.

The Irish have not beaten the rival Trojans (7-4) since 2001. While a streak-ending victory might serve as the season's highlight in the minds of fans, Irish coach Brian Kelly said there "will not be one singular game that defines" his first season at Notre Dame.

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Sophomore Manti Te'o jumps in celebration with other defenders in Saturday's game against Army. The Irish won 27-3.

PAT COVENEY/The Observer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Abromaitis steps up his game

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Through Notre Dame's first three games, senior forward Tim Abromaitis made four shots from beyond the arc.

He doubled his season total Monday in a 26-point effort to lead the Irish to a 97-72 win over Maine. Abromaitis was 8-for-9 shooting, including 4-of-5 from 3-point range.

"Abro's such an even keel, demeanor-wise," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "He probably more than anybody can deal with riding it out."

The Irish (4-0) went on a 14-0 run early in the first half on eight points from Abromaitis and six from senior forward Carleton Scott to make the score 25-9 after

seven minutes.

"That was an awesome display for a while there of shooting 3s," Black Bears coach Ted Woodward said. "That was pretty impressive."

In the first half, Notre Dame made eight of 11 3-point attempts for a mark of 72.7 percent, and made 59.1 percent of its total shots.

"We were really smart about getting a great shot," Brey said. "Not forcing anything, and taking what the defense gives us. The first 20 minutes were very methodical."

Guard Gerald McLemore led the scoring for the Black Bears (2-2) with 16 points.

Six players finished the game scoring in double-digits for Notre Dame. Senior guard Scott Martin scored 15 points,

senior forward Tyrone Nash and sophomore forward Jack Cooley scored 13 and Scott and senior guard Ben Hansbrough each scored 11.

"It's a pretty offensive group," Brey said. "It's older guys, they're highly skilled. They've been in our system and in our program three or four years, and they've been in college four or five years. It's a huge advantage."

Nash also grabbed 11 rebounds for his second double-double in a row. He had 10 rebounds and 11 points against Chicago State on Nov. 17.

Eleven of Nash's 13 points came from the foul line, as he made 11-of-12 free throws. His performance at the line is

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BARAKA BOUTS

Freshman Carmack among winning fighters Sunday

By JACK YUSKO, ADAM LLORENS, JACK HEFFERON and KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writers

In one of the few unanimous decisions of the night, freshman Anna Carmack defeated Rebecca Buczkowski, a junior, in an all-out slugfest. Carmack and Buczkowski forsook defense in exchange for pun-

ishing offense. These two tough-as-nails fighters ignored personal pain and focused solely on dishing out damage to the other boxer.

Carmack packed one of the most powerful jabs seen throughout the night, catching her opponent off guard. Buczkowski used a variety of body shots and blows to the head, but Carmack's unstoppable offensive style allowed

her to simply roll with the punches she received and strike back harder. Carmack's punishing combinations to the face scored her many points and ensured her advancement to the next round of fights.

Natalie "I Choose You" Baldasare def. Terry "Dragonball Z" Ely

Through her unique style of slow-but-steady power punch-

es, Baldasare defeated Ely in a split decision.

Baldasare dominated the first round, landing a multitude of power punches on Ely's head and body, forcing her to play defense.

However, once the second bell sounded, Ely shot out like a cannonball and went after Baldasare. By forcing her opponent into the corner for the majority of the round, it

seemed as if the fight was Ely's to lose.

Baldasare used Ely's style to combat her in the final round, as she too came out firing. The quick and powerful punches proved to be too much for Ely in the end.

Eileen "Cheech' n" Chong def. Rachel "Sharin' is Carin"

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Sam Werner

Sports Writer

The Irish come into this game riding a wave of momentum. After a huge upset win over Utah, Notre Dame turned in another solid performance against Army, especially on the defensive side of the ball.

This Trojan team may not be explosive as years past, but the talent is still there. With or without quarterback Matt Barkley, USC will be a big step up in offensive firepower from the past two opponents.

Last year, my fellow beat writers and I were called out at the pep rally for picking the Trojans over the Irish. Not this year. The losing streak against USC ends Saturday. **FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, USC 27**



Matt Gamber

Sports Writer

It seems hard to fathom that Notre Dame might break its eight-game losing streak to the Trojans with a true freshman quarterback making his first true road start, but if USC's Matt Barkley sits as predicted, the Irish might have the advantage at the most important position on the field. More importantly, though, is the fact that the Notre Dame defense is playing its best, and most confident, football in some time, and it'll likely be on them to hold down a talented Trojans offense playing their de facto bowl game. The Irish make it three straight in November. **FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, USC 14**



Eric Prister

Associate Sports Editor

What a difference a month makes. This time last month, the Irish were being run all over by Navy, looking like they had given up on the season. Now Notre Dame is coming off two commanding wins and they haven't given up a touchdown this month.

That likely won't continue against USC, which is led by young but experienced quarterback Matt Barkley. The Trojans are down this year, but are still probably a better team on paper than Notre Dame. But Brian Kelly has been preaching about finishing strong, and what better way to do it than with a win in the Coliseum? **FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27, USC 24**



Laura Myers

Sports Writer

It's almost hard to believe the Irish are going into this game without the pressure of having to get that sixth win to qualify for a bowl. In fact, the Irish are going in to this game without any pressure at all. The low stakes, plus the confidence the last two wins have instilled in the team, will lead to a strong, loose performance.

Three weeks ago I planned to predict this game to be a victory, journalistic integrity aside, simply because I wanted it to happen so badly. Now, I actually believe the Irish can win this game. Even better: so do they. **FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 31, USC 28**